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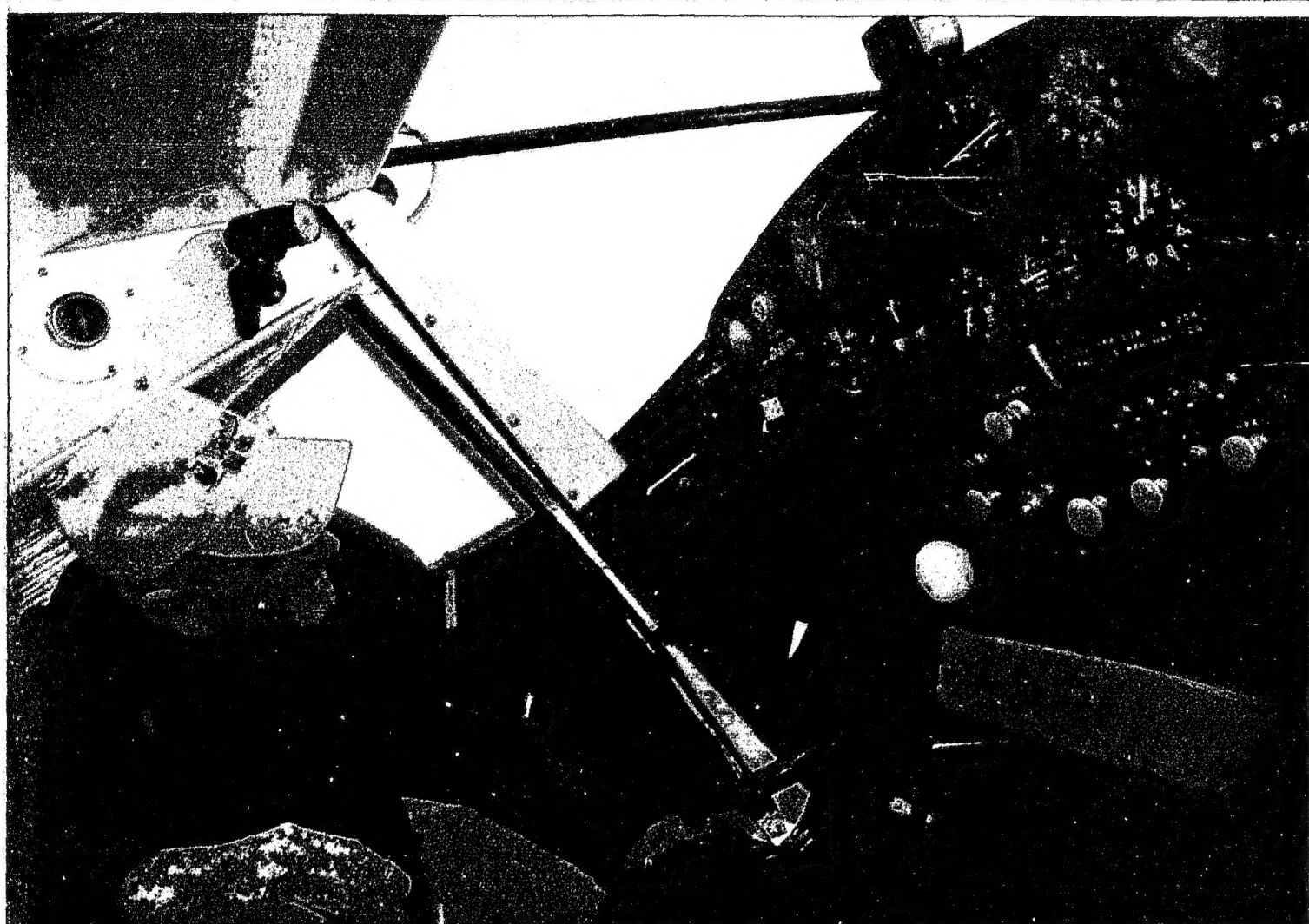
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HIS HANDS BLOODIED AND BANDAGED, from working on the rear section of his 1947 Luscombe two-seater's fuselage, Ron Boutillier of West Paris checks out the cockpit. The vintage aircraft was badly damaged on Nov. 28, when winds collapsed its hangar at the Bethel Airport. Up close, the cockpit appeared to be in fine shape and ready for take off, but from a distance the Luscombe's picture was not so pretty (Page 2).

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Bethel now looking at cost of paying police what other towns do

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen Monday directed Town Manager Jim Doar to come up with an estimate of what it would cost to make the Bethel Police Department's pay and benefits competitive with nearby departments.

The board made the request in order to compare that cost with an estimate they've received to contract with the Oxford County Sheriff's Department for coverage dedicated to Bethel.

Since the departure of former BPD Chief Alan Carr, the selectmen have been considering their options.

A third option proposed involved contracting jointly with Newry for coverage dedicated to the two towns (see related story).

OCSO coverage next year for Bethel only is estimated at

\$295,000. BPD coverage for the year is projected at \$313,000.

But, said selectman Dennis Doyon, "if you're going to retain your own police department, you've got to bring the level of pay up to where everyone is at,

and bring the benefits up to where everyone is at, which means bringing benefits for everyone up, so not just one section of town employees are getting a better benefit load than somebody else."

Town Manager Jim Doar said that by the end of this month, the BPD four-man full-time force will be down to one full-time officer, as others depart for better pay/benefits elsewhere or for other opportunities.

The department also em-

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Town manager tells selectmen town's PD will be down to one full-time officer by month's end.

Guns, drugs raise unease along Howe Hill Rd.

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Informed of gunshot complaints along Howe Hill Road in Greenwood, Oxford County Sheriff Wayne Gallant responded last week to a meeting of the town selectmen.

Town Manager Kim Sparks had called the sheriff, by e-mail.

"We have had several complaints about problems occurring at residences on the Howe Hill Road," Sparks wrote.

"Neighbors stated they hear gunfire on a daily basis, at all

Town Office has seen an increase in concealed-weapon applications from the area, some 'from people you'd never expect would want to own a gun.'

hours of the day, and fear that someone will be accidentally shot."

And it's not just the gunfire that has residents on edge, she said. Drugs and marijuana cultivation in the area are also concerns.

Recently, for example, two area residents clearing a hiking trail above the town park, Maggie's Nature Park, came across several large black trashcans filled with potting soil.

There were no plants in the

cans, Sparks said, but it was obvious to the trail volunteers that there had been.

Sparks told the sheriff last week that the two problems have reached the point where some residents now say they fear going on walks or working on their woodlots.

Underreported

Gallant thanked the selectmen for calling him.

"A lot of towns won't do that," the sheriff said. "They

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Saunders Brothers mill pays environmental fine

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The owners of Saunders Brothers mill in Locke Mills have paid a civil penalty of \$11,045 for environmental violations discovered at the site by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

According to an administrative consent agreement approved last month by the Bureau of Environmental Protection and Maine Attorney

General, SB Acquisitions of Westbrook, the mill's owner, those violations included drying hazardous wood waste (including ignitable lacquer thinners) in the mill's ovens, "and then burning that waste in the facility's boilers."

"Based on estimates of company employees," the agreement states, "approximately twenty-two (22) gallons of hazardous waste F-listed [i.e.,

from "non-specific sources"] solvents were disposed of in this manner every month."

Eric Kennedy, a DEP environmental engineer, told The Citizen that some of the constituents of those wastes would be combusted, but others would be released into the environment through the smoke coming from the boiler chimney.

The violations, nine in all,

were uncovered during a DEP inspection in January.

According to the consent agreement they included the following: "1) Failure to label containers of hazardous waste, 2) Failure to determine if wastes generated were hazardous, 3) Treating and disposing of hazardous waste without a license, 4) Failure to

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Bethel ponders paving Parkway's manmade wetland to put up a parking lot

By ALISON ALOISIO

The town of Bethel is researching the possibility of filling in all or part of the detention pond next to the Parkway, in order to provide additional parking in the area.

The Parkway trail, Davis Park playground, boat launch, and now a new skatepark draw many people.

As a result, the already limited parking area at Davis Park is often jammed with cars and sometimes snowmobile or boat trailers.

At the other end of the Parkway, another small parking lot has space for about a half dozen vehicles.

At the Nov. 23 selectmen's

meeting, the board and Town Manager Jim Doar discussed the option of filling in the pond, located between the Parkway road and the Parkway.

The pond, part of the stormwater management plan for the Bethel Station development, holds runoff from impervious areas in order that it may slowly soak into the ground.

If the pond were filled with gravel, a new stormwater management plan would have to be funded and created, Doar said.

He plans to contact the Maine Department of Environmental Protection about

whether eliminating the pond would be feasible.

Doar said that an alternative plan for parking recreational trailers might also help the space crunch.

Sell town forest land?

Ron Savage, a member of the Bethel Budget Committee, suggested at the meeting that the town consider selling part of the town forest property on Route 2, and use the proceeds to purchase parking space near Bethel Village.

The 115-acre forest parcel is located across from the transfer station. A small portion of it is used to spread sludge

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ALREADY SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY PAVEMENT—Bethel is researching the feasibility of filling in all or part of the Parkway detention pond in order to provide more parking in the area.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

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Letters

TELSTAR MUSICIANS SELECTED

To the Editor:

The Telstar High School Music Department is proud to announce three musicians selected to participate in the District II Music Festivals this year: Simon Smith on baritone horn, Emily Bellinger singing soprano, and Karne White on trombone.

The musicians go through a rigorous audition process; playing and/or singing a prepared piece, performing memorized scales, and sight-reading musical excerpts. There are over 1,400 students that audition for a spot in three different performing groups.

Simon and Karen will be performing Jan. 30, 2010 at Deering High School in the Instrumental Festival. Emily will be performing Feb. 6, 2010 at Falmouth Middle School/High School. For more information about the concerts, please visit Mrs. Bennett's Web page: mrsbennett7502.googlepages.com and click on DII Music Festival Info.

Congratulations to Emily, Simon, and Karen on this wonderful accomplishment!

Jennifer Bennett
Telstar Music Department

NEXT YEAR'S AUTISM RIDE

To the Editor:

Hello everyone this has been one crazy month we just had. I truly thank the few who have gone out of their way to help me with my rally for Autism, but after I mailed out 1,500 letters things changed about the ride, so I just want all of you to know what the changes are.

The reason for a lot of changes was lack of funds, and because complications with the date of ride, but this new and revived date and sponsor sheet truly is a better one for all parties. This is going to be a statewide event and I would love to have my hometown show the rest of Maine how much we care about helping people especially children who are in need. So all the sponsors, donations, gifts and gift certificates are very much needed. This event will not be happening until next year in 2010 but please keep us in mind.

Here are the changes:

The ride is now called "Autumn Ride for Autism." The date for the event is Oct. 3, rain date Oct. 10. It will start at L-AHarley and end at L-AHarley; there will be food, media, two bands and lots of fun raising money for Autism. The big reason for this change is L-AHarley offered to pay for all the food and bands that will be playing. I truly thank you L-AHarley for all you do for nonprofits and what you are going to do for children with Autism. As soon as the website for the ride is up and running I will contact all of you.

Here's a list of the sponsor levels:

Basic Sponsor: \$100 name on flyers, names on T-shirts.
Sponsors: \$500 names on flyer, names on T-shirts, business name on website, two free one-hour lift tickets snow tubing at Oxford Plains.

Major Sponsor: \$1,000 small spot on poster, name on flyer, name on T-shirts, mention on press release, dinner for two at the Sudbury Inn and a movie.

Official Sponsor: \$3,000 big spot on poster and banner on stage with your logo, big spot on T-shirt with logo, mention to press release, links to sponsor website from our website, dinner for two at the Bethel Inn and a movie.

For more information call 836-2055 or cell (936) 346-1818 or e-mail tabaithaesteward@aol.com or tabaitha.steward.me@unlockingautism.org.

Tabaitha Steward
Maine Representative for Unlocking Autism

LADY REBELS THANKS

To the Editor:

Telstar High School Lady Rebels' softball team would like to thank the Bethel Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to have a table at the Business Expo last Saturday, Dec. 5. We are raising funds for our team to travel to North Carolina in April 2010. Allowing us to be at the Expo and sell tickets for our handmade Patriot's quilt was a huge success.

If anyone would like to purchase tickets, please contact heidi@slopesiderentals.net or come to any home Middle School or High School basketball game until Dec. 22.

Thank you.

Heidi James
For the Softball Fundraising Committee

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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A CELEBRATION OF ROCKY'S LIFE

To the Editor:

On Thursday, Dec. 17, from 6 to 10 p.m., at the Matterhorn Ski Bar, we are inviting the community to attend a "Celebration of Rocky Freda's Life" which will also serve as a benefit to his widow, Lisa Freda to provide her the resources to continue the great work that Rocky devoted his life to here in the Bethel area.

This celebration will include food, music, an auction and an opportunity to come together in the spirit of the community work that Rocky was noted for. A small donation of \$10 per person will be collected at the door for the buffet dinner and music, of which 100 percent will be passed on to the benefit. Children under 12 are welcomed to attend for \$5. An RSVP is necessary, as food preparation will depend on the number of friends attending. Please e-mail rb@matterhornskibar.com or call the restaurant at 824-6271 no later than Monday, Dec. 14.

We are also collecting auction items to be put into either a silent or live auction as well as food donations. Please let us know if you'd like to contribute in this way.

The projects that Rocky's efforts made possible are too numerous to list, and in many ways we have all been either touched by them or have enjoyed them perhaps without knowing who worked "behind the scenes" to make it happen. The multi-use recreational bridge over the Androscoggin is one of the more significant projects that he spent a great deal of time on.

Please turn out to show your support to remember a man who gave so much to so many and never asked for anything in return. We hope to see you at the Matterhorn on Thursday, Dec. 16.

Roger Beaudojn
Bethel

REMEMBERING BETTY ROBERTSON

To the Editor:

The Bethel Historical Society lost one of its most dedicated volunteers last week with the death of Betty Chase Robertson.

Until failing health prevented her from joining us, Betty was one we could most likely count on to help with mailings. She enjoyed joining the group, stuffing and sticking envelopes, and/or assembling, folding and taping The Courier.

She actively participated in the lively discussion that usually accompanied the gathering of these special volunteers, who play such an active and very significant role in keeping the society going by making certain its publications and notifications get out to its many members and friends.

In addition, Betty was deeply interested in local and regional history. She often generously shared her rich collection of photographs and documents with the society. We shall certainly miss her enthusiasm and lively spirit.

Stan Howe
Bethel

'BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER'

To the Editor:

A Christmas program is coming to your area that will be presented at the Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church on Dec. 13 at 10:45 a.m. Many participants have offered to share with you their own special talents. Please come and enjoy a morning of praise. He is always blessing us daily, weekly and yearly.

Also, please notice the South Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Forestdale school children are sharing their annual Christmas Cantata just for you at the church in the valley on Friday, Dec. 18, at 6:45 p.m. and again on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 10:45 a.m. A lot of joy, laughter, talents and time were spent with the younger children and others. They look forward to showing you how much they love the Lord and your thoughtfulness to be with them. Hope to see you at one of the programs or maybe even both. The theme this year is "The Best Christmas Present Ever!"

Laurie Wilson
Woodstock

EXPO THANKS

To the Editor:

This past Saturday was a wonderful celebration of our community with all the many activities happening around the area. We have much to be grateful for.

The 3rd annual Bethel Area Business & Home EXPO, the Taste of Bethel, the Theme Wreath Auction, all held at Telstar High School, saw several hundred visitors and were a tremendous success. The organizing committee of Colleen Files, Lloyd Sweetser, Amy Marshall, Lynn Saxton, Kelly Newkirk and Jim Bennett — with the help of several dozen volunteers — did an amazing job. Our Presenting Sponsors: Stanley's Furniture & Appliances and Maine Made Furniture, as well as Major Sponsors: Northeast Bank, Stephens Memorial Hospital, United Insurance, Turner Publishing, and Supporting Sponsors: Bethel Citizen, Norway Savings Bank, Western Maine Supply and Key Bank were all instrumental in providing the marketing funds to help put on a great event. The fuel oil raffles provided by Brooks Bros. and Dead River Co. were an effective incentive to get folks to the show. The 50-plus vendors, including eight Telstar High School and Middle School groups, did a fantastic job interacting with the show visitors and promoting their products and services.

Thanks to the generosity of eight area restaurants: Rooster's Roadhouse, Bethel's Best Pizza Grille and Dairy Bar, Homeslice Pizza, The Sudbury Inn, The Victoria, The Good Food Store, BBQ Bob's and Crossstone Restaurant — they were able to feed the masses! Thanks to W.J. Wheeler & Co. for their continued sponsorship.

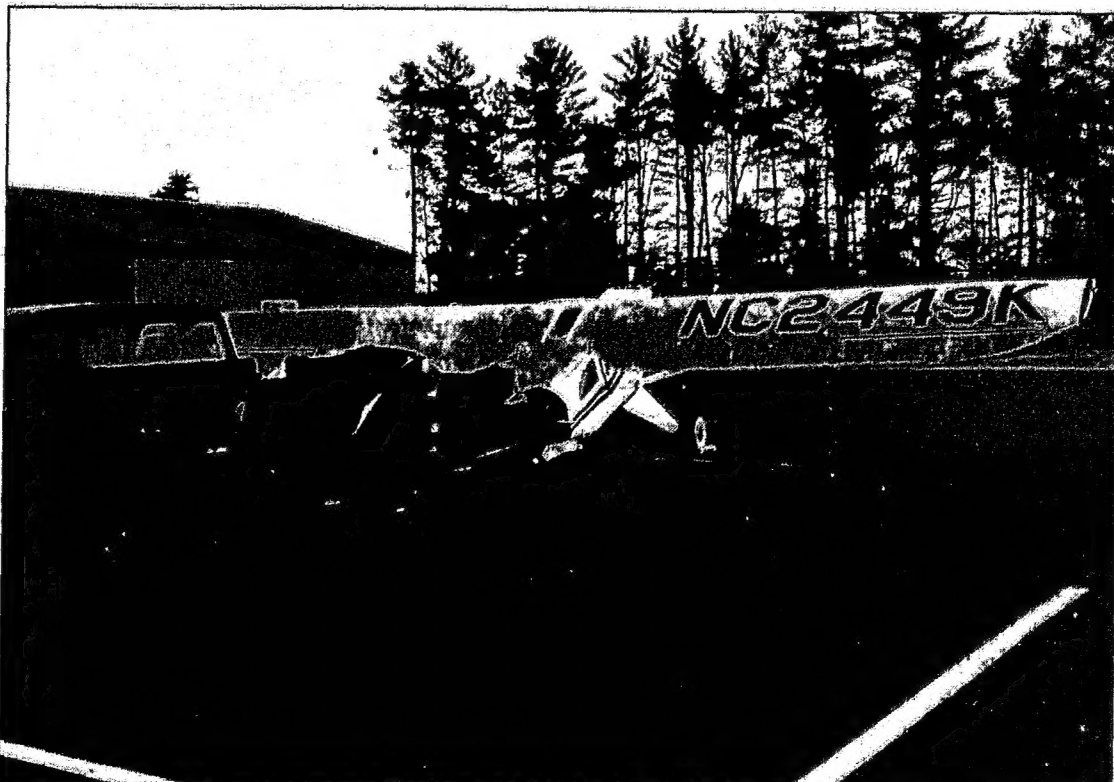
Beautiful theme wreaths were donated by the following: Fair Game Wildlife Portrayals, Elsie's Gym, Funky Red Barn, Rooster's Roadhouse, Pooh Corner Farm, Dead River Co., Austin's Holiday House, Norway Savings Bank, Upper Andro Angler's Alliance, Dream Realty, Cheryl Picka, Bethel Inn Resort, Mahoosuc Kids Association, Pat's Pizza, Wilderness House, Bethel Historical Society, RiverView Resort, Northeast Bank, Key Bank, Designs, Mt. Mann Jewelers, True North Adventureware, BIG Adventure Center, Matterhorn Ski Bar, Carol Savage Photography, Homeslice Pizza. Many thanks to all!

As with all events, we rely on dozens of terrific volunteers. Many thanks to the following (in addition to the committee members above): Dave Freiday, Rosemary Laban, Susan Newkirk, Stephanie Corriveau, Elise Caswell, Joyce Roma, Laurence Austin, Bob McCartney, Read Dickinson, Susan Herlihy, Ellen Crocker, Chris Lee, Hiram Towle, Shirley Powell, Edie Okenquist, Ellie Andrews, Blake MacKay, John Holliday, Al Sumner, Ivory Currier, Dan Hart, Arlynn Hale and eight or nine Telstar students who helped carry and unload tables and supplies for the event.

New this year was the Jingle Bell Run, overseen by the Bethel Rotary Club and the Mahoosuc Kids Association. What a fantastic new event that brought out at least one hundred children and their parents. Thanks to Matt Bevin of Bevin Bros. Manufacturing Co. and Ellie Andrews from the Bethel Rotary Club (and others) who tied a thousand bells to yarn, as well as Officer Jack Taylor of the Bethel Police Department, Robert Lowell of the Bethel Fire Department, and our Santa, Mike Steven — the run and the Christmas Tree Lighting was an amazing success. Thanks to Rite Aid who supplied the candy canes. The tree looks really beautiful — thanks to Tony Charette of Western Maine Tree and Landscaping and Doug Zinchuk, his helper.

As the final weeks of 2009 are upon us, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you all to consider doing business locally. All the businesses who supported this weekend of events as well as those participating in the Buy Local Rewards program are constantly being called upon to support countless community causes. They provide jobs, pay taxes and re-circulate their profits back into our communities. Please consider this when making your purchasing decisions this holiday season and all year long.

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce



HAULED OFF—The heavily damaged rear section of fuselage from Ron Boutillier's 1947 Luscombe rests in the back of a pick-up truck, after being removed last week from the less damaged front section of the aircraft.
(Photo: M. Daniels)

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: At a special Town Meeting, Greenwood voters agreed to add an additional \$22,000 to the allocation previously approved in order to upgrade the new fire truck being purchased.

Gould Academy's Nordic ski team did some early season training in Rovaniemi, Finland.

Winds gusting to 80 mph downed trees, ripped shingles from roofs, and knocked out power for several hours in the area.

Births: Joshua Joseph Eliot, Kyle Nicole Lagasse.

Deaths: Jean M. Whiting, Virginia E. Herrick, Emmonzene E. Hutchins, George Stowell, Allan M. Fraser.

20 years ago: The effort to establish a DARE program in the school district received a welcome boost, a \$1,500 grant from the Grand Masonic Lodge of Maine.

Telstar field hockey players Mary Beth Hannon, halfback, and Shannon Tyler, fullback, were chosen for the Maine Class C All-state team.

The works of Antarctic artist Alan Campbell were on display at Gould Academy's Owen Art Gallery.

Births: Dane Alden Wilson, Andrew Mark Brooks, Brandon James Moffett, Ian Michael Monzo.

30 years ago: Leland R. Brown and Robert P. Chadbourne of Bethel were elected to three-year terms on the Rumford Community Hospital board of trustees.

The holiday season in Bethel got underway with a Christmas celebration parade and tree lighting.

Bethel selectmen met with Stuart Cross and Ruel Swain to review plans for the proposed street being constructed off Chandler Hill road.

Deaths: M. William Grondin, Ralph E. Summerton, Mrs. Sophie B. Hebb.

40 years ago: The Chamber of Commerce entertained the Senior Citizens at an old-fashioned box supper.

Births: Floyd Arthur Sessions, Dennis Anthony Swan.

Deaths: Orin W. Sprague, Mrs. Virginia E. McMillin, Leland L. Hanscom.

50 years ago: The automobile body repair shop of Bennett's Garage, Inc. moved from the corner of Main and Elm streets to the new 40x40 foot addition at Bennett's garage below the railroad station.

Births: Timothy Duane Andrews, Gregory Scott Tyler.

Death: Mrs. Addie Leach Braun.

60 years ago: The Bethel Parent Teacher Association and Lions Club were seeking contributions of used toys to be given to school children at Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. William Von Zinti, Miss Laura Inman, and Miss Geneva Johnston left for a month's trip to California.

Norwood Ford of Locke Mills slipped while ice fishing and dislocated his shoulder.

Work on the electric line to West Greenwood was completed.

Death: Mrs. Bessie M. Billings.

70 years ago: Frank A. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Byron Abbott of South Portland, were injured when their car overturned after skidding on ice in Poland.

Deaths: John E. Stephens, Mrs. Louisa Willard, Nelson Week.

80 years ago: Donors' Day exercises were held in William Bingham Gymnasium, Gould Academy. The program included a one-act play, "Rose of Plymouth," with a cast including Hazel Mosher, Daniel Wight, Addison Saunders, Leona Brown, and Frances Bean.

The thermometer was below zero several mornings.

Deaths: Mrs. Eliza Spinney, George M. Filstead.

100 years ago: The farm homes of Thomas Poole and Calvin Cummings on the Valley Road in Albany were burned.

At a Thanksgiving entertainment at the Newry school where Miss Grace Kendall was teacher, the following pupils took part: Lester, Leon and Elsie Enman, Bertha and Mabel Bailey, Agnes Frost, Alice and Selma Smith.

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Newry

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Gallant also broke down the number of calls according to the hours of the day.

Between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m., for instance, calls totaled 30 for the three-year period.

The Newry officials were skeptical whether more coverage was needed.

"I have not heard from one person who thinks we need it," said town administrator Loretta Powers.

"I'm not ready to recommend it," said selectman Wendy Hanscom. "It's a luxury people won't be willing to pay for."

Selectmen Steve Wight and Jim Largess agreed.

The board said that turning down expanded coverage now does not preclude Newry from considering it again later, either with Bethel or on its own.

Pond

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from the town's wastewater treatment plant.

Most of the parcel is located in Newry.

Selectmen requested that Doar obtain an estimate of

the land's value to use in future discussion.

The board has also been considering a forest management and harvest plan for the property.

Briefly

Wight to retire as selectman

NEWRY—After more than 30 years of service, selectman Steve Wight will not run for another term, he announced at a special Town Meeting Monday. Wight's current three-year term will expire in March. As for business addressed at Monday's 10-minute meeting, about two dozen residents approved without discussion amendments to the town's building code and subdivision ordinances. Among the changes is a requirement that developers provide one of the following methods of fire protection in subdivisions: install sprinkler systems in the homes; install a 40,000-gallon cistern; or install a 75,000-gallon fire pond.

THS musicians picked for festival

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Community Ski Free Days

NEWRY—Four Community Ski Free Days for SAD44 residents will be offered by Sunday River Ski Resort in 2009-2010. The dates are Dec. 13, Jan. 3, Jan. 31 and March 28 (all Sundays). In addition to free skiing and riding, free rentals, free First Experience Learn to Ski and Ride clinics are available for ages 15 and up (pre-registration required). There is also a 50 percent discount at food and beverage outlets. Community members may show proof of residency through a driver's license, tax bill or other document showing address.

Comments sought on USFS passes

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Forest Service is inviting comments on a proposed new policy for the acceptance of Interagency Passes at concession-operated campgrounds and day-use recreation sites on National Forests and Grasslands. The policy would provide for coordination with concessioners to promote sustainable operations. "The Forest Service is committed to ensuring that the American public can continue to fully enjoy the recreation opportunities on National Forests and Grasslands, and passes and discounts at concession operated campgrounds and day-use sites are an important part of achieving this goal," said Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "To this end, the Forest Service is inviting comments on proposed changes to pass-related discounts that are designed to ensure that all Americans can continue to enjoy our National Forests and Grasslands while protecting the viability of the small businesses providing the important concession services our visitors rely upon." Under the proposed new policy, the Forest Service would offer a 10 percent discount at concession-run campgrounds and standard amenity day-use sites to holders of Golden Age and Golden Access Passports and Senior and Access Passes. Further, concessioners would offer free usage of these day use sites to holders of an Annual or Volunteer Pass. The proposal is open to a 60-day public notice and comment period. The public can review the proposed policy in the Federal Register (Vol. 229, No. 74, Dec. 1, 2009) or at www.fs.fed.us/specialuses. Comments may be filed online at www.regulations.gov (search for Notice ID FS-2009-0001).

BETHEL CITIZEN RAFFLE WINNERS

The winners of the two raffles from the Bethel Area Business and Home Expo, held Dec. 5, are: Free Subscription — Rosabelle Tift; and Free Quarter-Page Ad — Tracyn Thayer of Kids Travel Happy.

Super Crossword

Answers

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ATOP	SAKE	ERR	TROPHY
DAVID	CHEDDAR	ARMAN	SPREE
SHEER	GIRLS	SAME	IMA
DADS	FAO	TOE	MAR
JOB	BENNY	GOUDAMAN	ANN
APE	JOE	FUSU	IDOL
MEG	CARP	ALANA	VISTA
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EDGE	CHARLES	SLIMBURGER	
LIES	SETTER	OLEO	SOME
DART	ROEG	PLEA	TRIS

HOLIDAY MAGIC FINDS ITS PEAK ON MERRILL HILL



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sights are as awe-inspiring as the glistening wintry vistas of these ski slopes and the Mahoosucs. Natural homesites, designed to compliment surroundings with underground utilities, boast uncompromising views through four dramatic seasons. Find peace and pleasure in a gated neighborhood committed to the preservation of nature.

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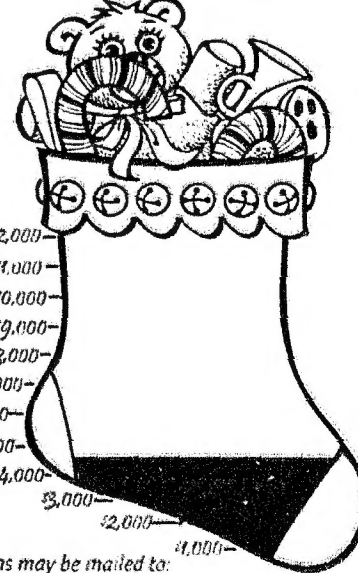
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SANTA SUNDAY
BREAKS RECORD

A record-breaking 350 Santas donated a total of \$3,516 to charity, earning them each three free days of skiing and riding plus the chance to participate in the 10th Annual Santa Sunday taking place today at Sunday River Ski Resort. This is the most money that Sunday River has ever earned for the Bethel Rotary Club's Christmas Toy Drive. Participants who donned head-to-toe Santa attire received a free day of skiing or riding for Sunday's event, as well as vouchers for two additional days. A minimum donation of \$10 toward the Bethel Rotary Club's Annual Christmas Toy Drive was required and will be used to purchase gifts for children in the region. For skiers, the outlook for Christmas brightened Wednesday, when the season's first heavy snowstorm dumped several inches on Sunday River and Mt. Abram.

Howe Hill

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"A lot of towns won't do that," the sheriff said. "They just let it fester."

But, he said, the e-mail from Sparks was the first word he had received about the gun problems.

Since January there had been a total of only 18 calls from Howe Hill, Gallant told the selectmen, but none of them were gun-related, he said.

"Our problem is a lot of times nobody calls," he told the selectmen.

Gallant attributed the lack of calls, at least in part, to the reluctance many people have of "bothering" law enforcement agencies with such matters.

Town Clerk Angie Lovejoy suggested another reason — the local ethos when it comes to gun matters.

"What we've been told is: If they shoot at us, we'll shoot back," she told Gallant.

Sparks said the Town Office has seen an increase in concealed-weapon applications from the Howe Hill area, some "from people you'd nev-

er expect would want to own a gun."

And there is fear on the part of many people about speaking out publicly (including at selectmen's meetings), "for fear of their neighbors," she said.

A grand a plant

Regarding the marijuana problem, Gallant told the selectmen that his office has investigated those types of complaints from the area.

But, he said, "a lot of times you find that yes, the marijuana's being grown, but it's on someone else's property — it certainly isn't the bad guy's."

"A lot of people around here own a large piece of property, and it's pretty easy for a small corner of their property to be used, and they won't even know it."

And one plant, the sheriff said, "if it matures well, and you know what you're doing, has a street value of about \$1,000."

"So if a guy is growing ten or 12 plants up there, he's got a substantial amount of marijuana income."

Need 'a little more intel'

"We'll certainly try to work with anybody, anywhere who has a problem," Gallant said, but what we need is a little more intel."

He urged the selectmen to encourage residents who might suspect illegal activity of any sort to use the department's anonymous-tip line or website.

Contact information for all the OXSD's deputies as well as for the chief deputy and Gallant is on the website he said.

"All they've got to do is send an e-mail and say: 'Please don't use my name, but here's some information,'" he said.

"We use a lot of intel — it's like putting a puzzle together. The more pieces we have, the better picture we have of what's going on."

To reach the department's anonymous tip line call 743-9554 or 1-800-733-1421, or 743-9554 and dial 5 as soon as the recorded voice menu comes.

The department's website is at www.oxfordcounty-sheriff.com.

Fine

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conduct daily inspections of containers of hazardous waste, 5) Failure to provide a communications device in the facility's hazardous waste storage area, 6) Failure to have a contingency plan, 7) Failure to attempt to establish mutual aid agreements, 8) Failure to conduct annual training, and 9) Failure to comply with the conditions of a Department issued license."

According to the agreement,

the amount of the fine "was based upon the type of violations involved, the amount of waste involved, the relative extent of deviation from the requirements, and any economic benefit realized. In this specific case, an economic benefit of two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400) was realized by improperly treating and disposing of hazardous waste at the facility rather than paying for the licensed disposal

of the wastes. Mitigating factors considered in the penalty included Saunders Brothers' willingness to quickly resolve the violations, including hiring a consultant to review and implement policies to ensure compliance with the Hazardous Waste Rules."

(Note: A telephone message left at the mill Tuesday afternoon was not returned by The Citizen's press time Wednesday afternoon.)

Bethel

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loys part-time officers.

Selectman Don Bennett said he asked Doar to put together an estimate for competitive compensation, "to make our case very plain to people who don't understand. There are people who believe something is afoot to get rid of the police department..."

The police, Bennett said, "aren't getting paid enough. If you want your police department, you're going to have to pay for it."

An estimate of competitive

compensation would be valuable if the question of police coverage were put to a vote at a Town Meeting, the selectmen said.

Doar said that if the question did come to a vote, "it's going to have to be a vote to support the police department. I hesitate to think of a vote like, 'Let's keep our own police department,' and then when it comes time to fund them, we don't. Put our money where our mouth is."

Doar has said he favors con-

tracting with the county.

Doyon said comparative figures should draw on the compensation at nearby departments such as Norway and Paris.

"That's who you're losing [officers] to," he said.

Doar is expected to have numbers ready for the next selectmen's meeting.

The selectmen could then meet with the Budget Committee, Doyon said, and decide whether to take the issue to a special Town Meeting.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I was at the grocery store the other day and I had the feeling that something was drastically wrong.

So many of the shoppers who were pushing their carts up and down the aisles were talking to themselves, or at least it seemed that way. I understand talking to yourself because I do it quite frequently, but I try not to do it in public.

Encountering a person mumbling to themselves, especially in a supermarket is not that unusual either, but encountering several such persons had me wondering if I was the only sane person in the store.

Then it hit me that these chatty people were talking on cell phones. Cell phones that are so small they fit in the palm of the hand and can barely be seen by others. And in a couple of cases people were using the little earpieces, which are hard to see at all.

I think it's great to stay connected to the people you care about, but while you're getting groceries seems like a pretty odd time.

I can understand a quick call home to confirm whether it's baking soda or baking powder that's needed or something of that nature, but

I don't think food items were the subject of most of these conversations.

There have been a number of times when I was sure a person was talking to me because they were looking right at me, their mouth was moving and words were coming out of them.

Only after I have done my best Robert DiNero from Taxi, "You talking to me?" that I realize they are talking on a cell phone and not to me. Then I feel like a fool who has invaded their privacy.

Then it hit me that these chatty people were talking on cell phones.

Once upon a time if you went to a movie or concert, when it was over the first thing people did when they got outside was to light up a cigarette. Now they whip out their cell phone and make a call.

That's certainly a more healthy alternative, but what is so important that a call has to be made as soon as one exits the theater? That's what I'd like to know.

There's no question that cell phones are convenient and in some emergency situations have helped save lives or find lost people. I'm not knocking cell phones as a useful device, I'm just concerned that they have become an umbilical cord to our existence.

I must exist because I do have a cell phone, but I rarely use it. Right now I don't even know where it is and have no clue as to what my cell phone number is.

When I am asked what my cell phone number is and I say I don't know, people look at me like I have two heads and neither one is too darn bright.

So, I'm behind the times, of that there is little doubt. I have a cell phone that I never use and I have never texted anyone in my life, nor do I know how. I have no desire to have a Blackberry or an iPhone even if I did know what they are.

The older I get I guess the more old-fashioned I get. The way I see it, if I want to talk to you I want to do it the old-fashioned way, in person over a cup of coffee. And please, shut your darn cell phone off during the conversation.

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 - 69 Toyshop initials
 - 70 Stocking stuffer?
 - 71 Deface
 - 72 Old Testament book
 - 75 Cheesy clarinetist?
 - 80 Sheridan or Solheim
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 - 77 Lofty initials?
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 - 93 Geometry calculation
 - 95 Joust
 - 97 Encounter
 - 98 Landon or Kjellin
 - 99 Johannes-burg resident
 - 101 Standards
 - 106 Restrict
 - 108 Furniture wood
 - 109 Railroad depts.
 - 111 '64 Michael Caine film
 - 113 Brandish
 - 114 Where to eat biryani
 - 115 Light beer
 - 116 Cold-war assn.
 - 117 Certain deck
 - 118 Sam of "Jurassic Park"
 - 120 Pop
 - 124 Hook's right hand?
 - 126 Olstrakh or Stravinsky
 - 127 Word form for "somewhat"
 - 128 Pugnacious Olympian
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 - 132 AAA offering
 - 133 Poultry serving
 - 134 Stole

Super Crossword

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Your Guide to the Holidays

Happening Around Town

Wilderness House Skate Park Fundraiser

November 27 - December 12, 2009

Wilderness House is donating 5% of all retail sales between opening and Christmas to the Bethel Skate Park. Come see what's new at the former Sunday River Inn, first right on your way to Sunday River Ski Resort.

Country Christmas In Bethel

November 27 - December 24, 2009

Lots of fun events weekends from Thanksgiving to Christmas: Wagon rides through Bethel village, Taste of Bethel & Theme Wreath Auction (Dec. 5), open houses, shopping specials, Santa, Christmas tree lighting, caroling, the Living Nativity (Dec. 20), and just a fun country Christmas atmosphere!

Horse-drawn Wagon Rides

Saturday, December 12, 2009

Deepwood Farm will have their horse and wagon ready to give all a ride! Stop by the Bethel common from 2:00-4:00pm on Saturday for a free-horse-drawn wagon ride through historic Bethel village. Thank you to Cross Excavation for sponsoring this afternoon of rides!

Sunday River's 50th Birthday Celebration

December 18-20, 2009

Sure to be the biggest party of the year! Back on December 19, 1959, Sunday River opened the doors for the first time. Now, exactly 50 years later, we are planning a huge 50th Birthday Celebration the weekend before Christmas. This is sure to be the biggest party of the year! Check out our birthday website to see pictures, get deals, find out everything about the party and the book that is coming out!

Buy Local Holiday Shop Around

Friday, December 18, 2009

Knowing how busy everyone's holiday schedule is, several area businesses will be staying open until 8pm. Take advantage of this opportunity to shop with ease and have your buy local card stamped for a chance to win \$100 in Bethel Bucks! Get your card in *The Bethel Citizen* or pick it up at one of the participating businesses. Get it stamped or signed at 5 places. Place your card in a Buy Local box at any one of the participating businesses for a chance to WIN \$100 in Bethel BUCKS! Participating Businesses: Bethel Bicycle, The Good Food Store, Linda Clifford Scottish & Irish Merchant, Maine Line Products, Little Bits/Maine Sherpa Babies, Mt. Mann Jewelers, Pooh Corner Farm, Ruthie's Boutique, True North Adventureware. Shop locally, save gas, support your neighborhood businesses, you may win \$100 Bethel Bucks! How great is that?

Country Christmas Wagon Rides

Saturday, December 19, 2009

Horse-drawn wagon rides the weekend before Christmas! Dream Realty is making this Saturday of wagon rides possible. Meet at the town common near the Chapman Inn for ride through historic Bethel village from 2:00-4:00pm!

Country Christmas Wagon Rides

Tuesday, December 29, 2009

Come see the Maine Hysterical Society in action! Details (don't forget the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHY, WHEN...): Maine Hysterical Society is comprised of three of Maine's most entertaining variety artists, actors, musicians and down east humorists. A combination of stories, sketches and songs that will keep your sides splitting and have you gasping for air all show long. A refreshing approach to Maine humor and comedy everyone in the family will appreciate and enjoy. Located in the Grand Summit Resort Hotel Grand Ballroom at 7pm.

12th Annual New Year's Bethel Celebration

Thursday, December 31, 2009

An affordable, chemical-free festival featuring entertainment at selected sites within historic Bethel Hill village. FMI 824-2908

Having a holiday dinner party? Here's some great recipes to get you going!

Grapefruit Margaritas

6 oz. can frozen limeade concentrate
2/3 cup ruby red grapefruit juice
2/3 cup white tequila
¼ cup orange liqueur
sparkling sugar

Combine first 4 ingredients in an electric blender, adding crushed ice to 5-cup level. Process just until slushy. Pour into a pitcher and serve immediately, or cover and freeze. To serve, wet the rims of stemmed glasses and dip in sparkling sugar. Makes 3½ cups.

Herb-Marinated Shrimp

You will need to make this appetizer a day ahead to allow the great flavors to blend.

3 qts water
1 lemon, sliced
4 lbs large shrimp, unpeeled
2 cups vegetable oil
¼ cup hot pepper sauce
1 tbsp minced garlic
1 tbsp olive oil
1½ tsp salt
1½ tsp seafood seasoning
1½ tsp dried basil
1½ tsp dried oregano
1½ tsp dried thyme
1½ tsp parsley, minced

Bring water and lemon to a boil; add shrimp and cook 3 to 5 minutes or until shrimp turn pink. Drain well; rinse with cold water. Chill. Peel and devein shrimp. Place shrimp in a large heavy-duty plastic zipping bag. Combine vegetable oil and remaining 9 ingredients; stir well and pour over shrimp. Seal bag; marinate in refrigerator 8 hours. Drain before serving. Makes about 18 appetizer servings.

Herbed Fan Dinner Rolls

When baked, the layers of the roll spread out to mimic a fan.

¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
½ tsp dried Italian seasoning
11 oz pkg refrigerated loaf bread

Combine butter and Italian seasoning, stirring well. Roll dough into a 13 inch square. Cut into four equal strips. Stack strips on top of each other. Cut strips crosswise into 6 equal pieces. Place each piece, cut side up into greased muffin pan; brush with butter mixture. Cover and let rise in a warm place (85 degrees), free from drafts, 25 minutes, or until doubled in bulk. Bake at 375 degrees for 22 to 25 minutes or until golden. Brush with butter mixture again, if desired. Makes 6.

Roasted Walnut & Pear Salad

1 cup walnuts
2 tbsp butter or margarine, melted
¼ cup brown sugar, packed
1 head romaine lettuce, torn
2 cups thinly sliced pears
2 cups halved grape tomatoes
4 oz pkg crumbled blue cheese
8 oz bottle raspberry white wine vinegar salad dressing

Toast walnuts in a medium skillet in butter until golden brown; add brown sugar and stir over low heat until walnuts are hardened with glaze. Place lettuce in a large serving bowl; layer with pears and tomatoes. Add walnuts to salad; sprinkle with blue cheese and toss with vinegar dressing. Serves 6 to 8.

Cheesy Sausage-And-Tomato Manicotti

Use two 11x7 baking dishes and take one to a neighbor to enjoy during the busy holidays. What a delicious gift!

8 oz pkg manicotti noodles, uncooked
15 oz can tomato sauce
10 oz can diced tomatoes and green chiles with garlic, oregano and basil
1 lb Italian sausage
8 oz pkg cream cheese
1 cup ricotta cheese
4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided

Cook pasta according to package directions; rinse with cold water. Drain. Process tomato sauce and diced tomatoes in blender 20 seconds or until smooth. Set aside. Remove casings from sausage and discard. Cook sausage in a large skillet over medium-high heat, stirring until meat crumbles and is no longer pink. Stir in cream cheese, ricotta cheese, and 2 cups mozzarella cheese. Spoon into manicotti shells; arrange stuffed shells in a lightly greased 13x9 baking dish. Pour tomato mixture over shells; sprinkle with remaining 2 cups mozzarella cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until cheese is melted and bubbly. Let casserole stand 10 minutes before serving. Makes 6 servings. **TO STORE:** Casserole can be assembled, tightly covered and frozen up to one month. **TO SERVE:** Thaw in refrigerator overnight; bake, uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 15 more minutes or until cheese is melted and bubbly. **GROUND BEEF AND TOMATO MANICOTTI:** Substitute one pound lean ground beef for sausage. Stir in 1½ teaspoons dried Italian seasoning, one teaspoon salt, one teaspoon pepper and one teaspoon fennel seed. Proceed as directed.

Chocolate Cappuccino Cheesecake

This makes an absolutely delicious cheesecake.

1½ cups pecans, finely chopped
1½ cups chocolate wafer cookies, crushed
1/3 cup butter, melted
2 cups chocolate chips, melted and divided
2 8 oz pkgs cream cheese, softened
1 cup brown sugar, packed
4 eggs
1 cup sour cream
1/3 cup cold coffee
2 tsp vanilla extract
½ cup chocolate chips
1/3 cup whipping cream
2 tbsp powdered sugar

Mix pecans, cookies and butter together; press into the bottom of a greased 9 inch springform pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes; cool in pan for 10 minutes. Drizzle crust with half-cup melted chocolate; chill for 40 minutes. Beat cream cheese with an electric mixer until creamy. Gradually add brown sugar, beating well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Add remaining 1½ cups melted chocolate, sour cream, coffee, and vanilla; beat until smooth. Pour into pan; bake at 325 degrees for one hour and 5 minutes (center will not be completely set). Turn oven off and partially open oven door. Leave cake in oven one hour. Cool completely. Cover and chill 8 hours. Remove sides of pan. Heat ½ cup chocolate chips and whipping cream over low heat, stirring constantly. Stir in powdered sugar until smooth. Drizzle topping over cake. Makes 12 servings.



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From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, Dec. 8

At 12:15 p.m. Sgt. S.R. White responded to a two-vehicle accident on Mayville Road. There were no injuries.

At 2:40 p.m. Sgt. S.R. White responded to the Chase Road for a report of a burglary. Bedding was missing, but no valuables.

(Time not available) Officer Bill Britting stopped a driver on Vernon Street for driving 30-40 mph in a 25 mph zone. Noting the smell of beer, the officer administered a field sobriety test, which the subject passed. The subject said he had been drinking earlier. A vehicle search turned up two open containers. The driver, Anthony K. Heath, 23, was given a summons for an open container.

Sunday, Dec. 6

At 8:49 a.m. Officer Jason Goff responded to Vernon Street for a vehicle off the road. The subject had extricated herself, with no injury. The vehicle was towed.

At 9:16 a.m. Officer Jason Goff responded to the Flat Road for a report of an assault. A subject was treated by Bethel Rescue and another subject was arrested.

At 3:30 p.m. Officer Bill Britting responded to Mason Street for a report of a burglary. There was no evidence of property taken.

Saturday, Dec. 5

At 11:10 p.m. Officer Jeff Campbell responded to a car-pole crash on the Mayville Road. The Fire Department and Rescue responded for an extrication.

At 2:40 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to a local business for an unwanted person who had left the premises. The subject was located and a no trespass/no harassment order was issued.

At 5:16 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to a local business for a theft complaint. Two subjects had been video-recorded taking four 30-packs of beer. The investigation is ongoing.

At 9 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to a residence for a 911 hangup call regarding a stolen vehicle. The officer learned on arrival that one subject had hid the vehicle on another so he would not be able to drive while intoxicated.

Thursday, Dec. 3

At 5:15 p.m. Officer Jack Taylor responded to Route 26 for a report of a northbound chip truck blowing its horn at motorists. The truck was located. The driver said another driver lives along the road and his child likes to hear passing trucks honk their horns.

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Dec. 6, 11:35 a.m.: Macy J. Blaisdell, 29, of Bethel, domestic assault; by BPD Officer Jason Goff on Flat Rd., Bethel.

Bethel

by Nancy Brown

A snowstorm on the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 5, made a perfect setting for

a day of holiday activities. The Christmas trees on the common and near the Parkway leading into Bethel have been lit. The Christmas tree in front of the Methodist Church on Main Street was lit following a public supper on Saturday. The lights will remain on throughout the Christmas season. Although not everyone has Christmas decorations out yet, there are some beautiful lights and decorations along Main Street and around the common. It is worth a trip to our neighboring town of Locke Mills to see the stunning display of lights and decorations at Maine Line Products on Route 26.

Dorothy York spent a few days over the Thanksgiving holiday with her daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Peter Kaiser, in Farmington, N.H.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Bud and Mary Paine were Dick Paine and Elaine Jacques of Auburn, Linda Jackson and Eva Gallant of New Brunswick, Canada, and Robert Treworgy of Calais.

Kathy and John Marzilli of Naples took her mother, Jane Young, to breakfast at Rooster's Roadhouse on Dec. 5 to celebrate her birthday.

Richard and Nancy Fraser of East Poland and Mary Fraser Gray and her son Kyle of Dixfield visited Doris Fraser on Sunday, Dec. 6.

Musa Brown and Doris Fraser attended the Greenwood-Woodstock Senior Citizens luncheon and meeting at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills on Thursday, Dec. 3.

I apologize for an error in my column in the Nov. 19 issue. I gave an incorrect address for Muriel Butters and her brother-in-law, Bud Bowden, who are now at their winter home

in Florida. Their correct address is Palm View Gardens Lot #173, 3331 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills, FL 33541.

In 1894, 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the New York Daily Sun asking that paper to verify the existence of Santa Claus. Editor Frank Church responded with the now famous "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" editorial. It remains the most reprinted editorial ever to run in any newspaper in the English language.

The Waterville Opera House recently presented a 1940's radio-style performance of "Yes, Virginia" featuring 8-year-old Janie Brooks as Virginia. Maggie Brooks, her 16-year-old sister, was a member of the supporting cast. Parents Doug and Susan Brooks, of Benton, as well as Don and Eleanor Brooks, paternal grandparents, and Frank and Janie Vogt, maternal grandparents, of Bethel, attended last week's performance.

Do you have holiday news or a tip about a beautiful Christmas display that people should see? E-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call 824-2483.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

Last Thursday we had 1.6 inches of rain, followed on Saturday night by 2.5 inches of snow. The weather seems to have taken a turn for colder, which I hope stays with us, because at this time of year snow is better than rain for local businesses, ski areas, and those of us who like to play in it. We just bought our season passes for the Bethel Inn cross-country trails and would like a chance to use them.

Also last Thursday was the annual "Christmas with the Masons" at the Moses Mason House of the Bethel Historical Society. The candles were lit in the windows, the fireplace

were warming the rooms; fresh greens, berries, pine cones, and ribbons decorated the rooms; Connie St. Pierre was playing Christmas music on her Celtic harp; hot mulled cider and several kinds of cookies were passed out to the many visitors. Yours truly sat in her usual place by the parlor fireplace, knitting and chatting with guests. It was a very pleasant evening.

At 7 that same evening, Historical Society volunteers were recognized for their service. Jane Hosterman received a special award for her many dedicated years of volunteering at the society. She has been a highly valued fixture at the BHS for as long as she has lived in Bethel. Congratulations, Jane, on many jobs well done.

The West Bethel Union Church had its annual greens sale on Saturday morning. In addition to the traditional wreaths and swags, many homemade gifts were available for sale. The church cleared a tidy sum to help finance its many activities and responsibilities.

On Saturday afternoon the West Parish Congregational Church had its annual Christmas Tea and fair. The basement was chock-a-block full of wonderful handmade gifts, baked goods, a cookie walk, old jewelry, antique linens, etc. The tea, as usual, was lovely, with many tasty goodies to munch on, such as finger sandwiches, bars, cookies, cheeses, and crackers. It was a great place to see friends and catch up on their lives.

Jane Hosterman went to Telstar High School on Saturday to partake of the Taste of Bethel (more food) and to browse among the exhibits in the gym, put on by area businesses, corporations, and other groups. She says that the whole shebang was very well attended. Also well attended and much enjoyed was the Christmas concert of the Mahosuc Music Makers on Sunday evening.

The Chapel Aid Ladies of the West Bethel Union Church had their annual Christmas dinner on Monday evening. It's always a time to relax and ponder the fruits of their many labors throughout the year on behalf of the church.

Had a call recently from Ruth Merrill in Bethel to tell me of the pileated woodpecker that has been visiting her yard. They are such fun to see, partly because they are so big, but also very pretty with that huge red topknot, and loud when they're pecking away on dead trees in search of dinner. We continue to entertain both downy and hairy woodpeckers on the suet. Now and then we see a nuthatch there as well.

A few chickadees come now and then to the feeders, as do goldfinches, but the numbers are not what they've been in past years. Mike and I saw a red crossbill up the road near Joan Gable's house, so that was exciting. And on Monday morning Mike saw tracks of deer, fox, and lynx, while Bonnie and I came across some moose tracks on our morning walk.

This grandma is very busy knitting for the big day. I'm sticking mostly to small things like hats and scarves, but there is one sweater that a special person will be getting. I guess I'd better get going! Call or write with your news, views, and sightings. Reach me at dhoeh@megalink.net or 836-3011.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz

Sadly, after a good 25 years another era has ended in East Bethel. Nancy Mercer will no longer write the column.

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Hope you all will help me to continue Nancy's work and get in touch with me, Wally, with your news and information by calling 824-3220 or e-mail han@mega-link.net.

The Grange will have their next public potluck supper on Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. followed by the member meeting at 7 p.m. both to take place at Stan Howe's on Broad Street.

Have a great week everyone sounds like snow is on the way!

Gilead



by Lin Chapman
Winter has arrived! Last Saturday evening, we got about two inches of snow. It was warm enough on Sunday to melt a little of it, but there is still plenty left on the ground.

My brother, Steve McLain, took Laney, the little black dog, and his other dog, Spot, down to the Rabies Clinic in Bethel Saturday.

Mary Tyler called with another update on her sister, Sandra Laughy. She is continuing to improve and should be home within the next couple of weeks.

Town Office
Another reminder to dog owners in Gilead, that dog licenses are due in January. Late fees will apply after Jan. 31. The Town Clerk will be in the office on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m.

Real estate tax bills were sent out last week. Payments

should be mailed to Town of Gilead, 8 Depot Street, Gilead, Maine 04217. Payments can also be made by stopping by the Town Office during the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. when the Tax Collector is there on Tuesdays.

Recreation Committee
The Recreation Committee will be sponsoring the First Annual Christmas Pot Luck Social on Wednesday, Dec. 16. It will be held at Bog Brook Training Facility from 5 to 8:30 p.m. They would like everyone to bring a dish to share (no soup please). Drinks and desserts will be provided by the committee. Stop by and wish your friends and neighbors a Merry Christmas.

Gilead Historical Society
There was quite a lot of activity at the schoolhouse this past week. Paul from K & K stopped by on Wednesday to check to see what needed to be done. He said that he would arrive with a crew on Friday and finish up. Friday came and the crew arrived early. They took down some trees, removed the brush and stumps and graded the lot. It looks so much larger now. On Saturday, another crew arrived and did some more grading in a few spots and spread some hay around the lot. It really looks great.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Upton



by Laurie Brown
Krystal Bernier lost her engagement ring the day she attended the funeral

service for Jan Perreault. Jan was a lifetime friend of Penny and Joe Bernier and died unexpectedly in December 2006. Krystal's and Neil's daughter, Jes, is her namesake. Extensive searching and backtracking three years ago was to no avail. Last weekend Neil found his wife's ring in the finger of a glove he grabbed off a shelf at his parents' home. It's nice to start off my article by sharing such a heart-warming story.

The Stateline Snowmobile Club met Saturday, Dec. 5, at the schoolhouse.

William Jenkins of NYC spent vacations in Upton from his childhood until his death in 1931. Like his mother, he provided Christmas gifts for the children of Upton. His will bequeathed \$1,000 to the Ladies Aid Association intending the net income of the fund (called the Sarah E. Jenkins Christmas Tree Fund) to be used to buy gifts for the children participating in the Sunday School Christmas program.

The Ladies Aid continues to abide by his will and add monies from their own organization to purchase the gifts. Come and enjoy the children's performance, see Santa Claus, enjoy the sandwiches and desserts, play bingo, and, if you qualify, take home a "senior" gift bag on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the schoolhouse. That's the day after you've joined in and/or enjoyed the caroling and find out who won the prize for the best decorated yard and home — did you enter the contest yet?

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

I'm thinking I should start my Christmas shopping soon. I'm way behind my closest neighbor — as usual.

Joe and Penny have all their shopping done, gifts wrapped, and their decorations and tree set up.

Have a wonderful week. Selah

Andover



by Melinda Averill

Happy Holidays Andover friends! We had a couple inches of snow Saturday evening, and I believe that it's here to stay. It certainly hasn't melted at our house.

The Transfer Station has been looking fantastic. A belated but big welcome to new attendant Mona. Thank you for your great work.

Recycling has been up again this year — good work everyone. It saves our tax dollars. When you're shopping this year, look for products made from recycled materials and complete the "recycling loop."

While this fall has been mild, cold weather is coming. Andover has indoor recreation options. The Rec Committee and Keir Simmons is leading a Stretch Class on Thursdays at the school. Sunday and Thursdays at 7 p.m. all are welcome to join in the volleyball game.

Don't forget the Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday at both the Andover Fire Department and the First Congregational Church.

Andover friend, Natalie Burnham, whose mother, Linda, plays the organ at church, was in an accident with her 18-wheeler truck last week. The accident happened over in New Hampshire. Nat is OK, just damage to her truck.

Sympathy is extended to friends in Andover of Linda Doiron of Rumbold, who passed away on Nov. 29. She taught Kindergarten for over 30 years in the Rumbold school district. Linda's sister, Elaine Lawler, and her husband, Gary Gallant, live in Andover.

Happy birthday wishes this week to Francis Bailey on Fri-

day, the 11th; Isaac Bachelor on the 13th, Hunter Nadeau and Peyton Bailey on the 15th, and Joseph Putnam on the 16th.

Andover Service Circle (ASC) wishes to extend happy holiday greetings to everyone. In keeping with the spirit of the holidays the circle is holding its annual festive gathering this month for its members and potential members alike. At 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17, the party will take place in the home of Andrea Savitz, who can be reached at 392-1020 for directions. All persons interested in ASC membership are invited as guests to learn of the vital community service and charitable works of the group. Any member explaining the functions of the group will start by saying that they allow them to give back to the town we all love.

Have a nice weekend.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

The Hanover tree lighting will be Saturday evening, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. Dessert and drinks will be available along with other activities. There is just one thing — please promise not to laugh at our tree. Come to think about it, go ahead and laugh. It is funny and we all need a good laugh! Come out and join your community neighbors for a good time.

Speedy get well wishes to Joan Tucker who has been hospitalized. She continues to recover at her daughter's home (Bethany Giberson) in Rumbold.

The Hanover planning board met Dec. 2. The Board granted a building permit for a shed and other home alterations

at a Howard Pond property. They also discussed a citizen's complaint about an apparent driveway violation on South Shore Road. Also discussed was a civic project being designed by a Boy Scout.

The Hanover Select Board will meet Dec. 16 for their final meeting of 2009. To better fit their schedule the meeting will be on Wednesday rather than the usual third Tuesday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Charlotte Callahan who recently passed away. She was a Hanover resident for many years.

Clean-up work continues from the big windstorm we told you about last week. A cluster of trees blew onto the shed roof of the Hanover Town House and was removed.

Heavy rains near the end of last week were followed by snow last Saturday. About an inch and a half of snow accumulated in this area.

Area members of the Knights of Pythias traveled to Brunswick last Sunday for an Executive Council meeting and Christmas party.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

Now that turkey day is over we look forward to Christmas

and the meals to prepare to go with the holiday. For some different foods check with the Good Food Store. They have delicious, creamy "raw milk" from the Granite Hill Farm of Andover and delicious Sunshine Veggie Burgers.

At 9 a.m. on Saturday morning a Trail Dedication was held for Bill Wight at Bill's Bridge. Many members of the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club were in attendance. Owen Wight cut the ribbon at the dedication.

The Bear River Trading Post is still continuing to sell hunting scents and lures. By Saturday evening a total of 101 deer had been tagged including two during the first week of black powder hunting. The BRTP will hold their annual Christmas sale this weekend with lots of stocking stuffers on hand. Chili is still

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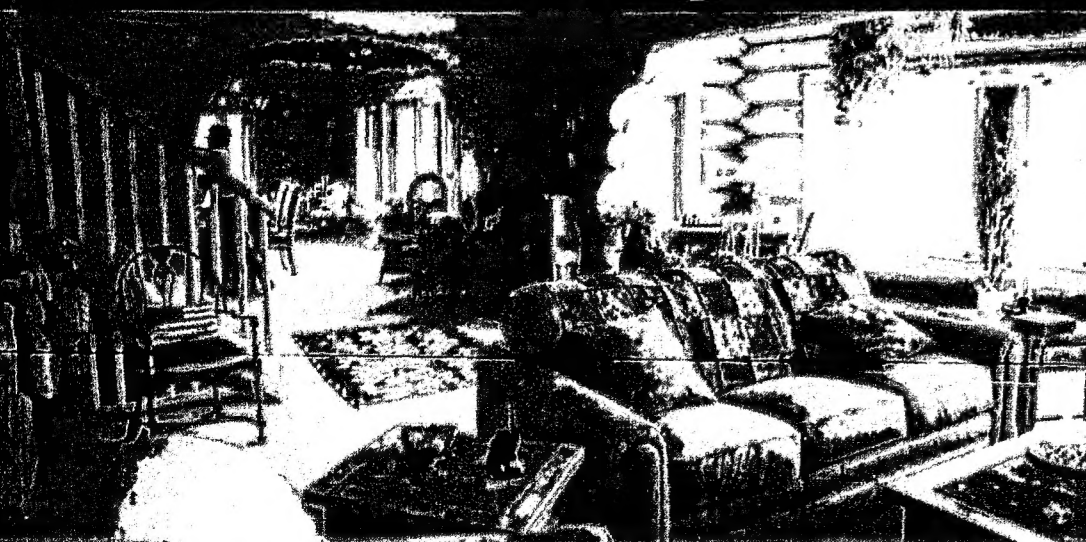
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With the addition of new snow, for information of WVSC trail conditions give calls to Leon Dunn (824-3335), Ed Powers (739-9618) or Brad Wight (824-2288). You may stop by the Town Office to get a list of club members and a season schedule of events from Dave Bonney. Please feel free to join the club at that time.

Mason



by Richard Grover

We got some good news last week concerning Elsie Aylward's

granddaughter, Madison Flynn, in Myrtle Beach S.C. Doctors performed surgery to remove a large growth from inside Madison's chest; although the surgery was extensive, Madison came through with flying colors and went home from the hospital Dec. 7. She will be going back to school in about a week.

She was really happy to be home, as she and her little sister, Lucy, are very close. Doctors say Madison will need to have frequent check-ups in the future to insure that whatever the growth was does not return. To this point, doctors believe that the growth is benign, pending receipt of a biopsy report, expected in about two weeks.

Locke Mills



by Lorraine Larson

It certainly is easy to get out of rhythm.

I was doing quite well getting the news sent up each week and along comes a holiday and I get out of sync and I forget last week's and almost forgot about getting this sent up this week. I really wish I had thought about it earlier though and not just as I was getting ready for bed! I am not doing too well at getting to bed before the wee hours. With the days so short now I need to have more daylight hours awake.

I hope you all had a good holiday. Ralph and Lorene came for Thanksgiving dinner this year. Unfortunately



TRAIL DEDICATED TO BILL WIGHT—On Saturday, the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club of Newry dedicated the Grafton Notch Section of ITS-82 to the late Bill Wight. Wight was a charter member of the club, and was active with the Maine Snowmobile Association, serving on the Board of Directors and the Trails Committee. He was recently elected to the Snowmobile Hall of Fame. In remarks at the dedication, club president Brad Wight said, "With Bill's insight, dedication and hard work, this trail became a reality. But he did not do it alone. His brother Owen, along with Herb Kittredge, Lee Swan and Norman Duran worked by hand to build the original trail. The State Park would not allow a chainsaw or heavy equipment to be used. They had to go between the trees, using pick, shovels and crowbars to move rocks and level up the side hills. When the trail was done, Bill and Owen groomed and maintained the trail for many years. Today the trail is a multi-use trail. The Park has allowed the club to cut trees and go through with an excavator to widen and flatten the trail. Bill served this club very well, allowing us in the '90s to build the Club House on his land. This is a small tribute for the many things Bill did for the club and the town of Newry." Pictured here are (front) Kevin Slater, Steve Wight, Gretchen Strauss, Owen Wight, Leon Dunn, Ed Powers. Back: Gary Wight, Bruce Pierce, Brad Wight, Dave Wight, Bob Myers, Robert Lowell. Many members of Wight's

Ly Lorene is still having trouble swallowing and is still on baby food; but, at least, she was here. Ginny Hunt from Peru (Maine), was also here. Ginny and I got our heads together and planned the dinner last week. I was given a turkey and Ginny cooked it and made her special stuffing and cranberry sauce. Paula Karasian made special pumpkin pies for some of the members of her Maker's Diet class, and so I had one of those. I got some sweet potatoes, onions, peas, etc. and rolls, so we had a very good feast.

Ginny was nice enough to pick up Ralph and Lorene and afterwards took them home as they are having trouble with the transmission of their car. I rode out with her when she went to get them to show her where they lived. On the way back I rode in the back seat of her two-door car. When we got here I found that getting out was not as easy as getting in. I think, had we taped the time I had getting out, I might have had a video I could have sent to that "World's Funniest Videos" show. I got stuck and Ralph was pulling and I

was trying to wiggle my way out and it was, no doubt, a funny sight. We got laughing and that didn't help. I was worried for fear we might have to send for the Jaws of life there for a while except I don't think Ginny would have cared to see her car being taken apart before her eyes.

Anyhow, I did finally get out but Ginny allowed that she thought she could find her way to take them back and get back onto Route 2 without my help! I can't imagine why!

Speaking of Thanksgiving we were quite pleased at our church to give out 115 Thanksgiving bags of food along with 112 turkeys and two gift certificates for chicken for those allergic to turkey. And, no, that does not add up to 115 but one family had already bought their chicken and didn't take one. We actually used over a ton of food, 2,300 pounds to be exact. Each year we plan to do twenty more but this year the need was so great we surpassed last year's 85 by a bit more. It is a lot of fun and it is surprising how fast it goes with a lot of hands making for light and quick work. Now it

is on to Christmas. We have already filled 15 Compassion Boxes for children overseas and are now working on doing Angel Tree for those children in our area who have an incarcerated parent.

I understand that I neglected to mention one time that Brutus, Chloe's brother and Debbie and Owen Brown's dog, stayed here and he did not get his name in the paper, so I will make up for that by saying that Wednesday Debbie did my hair for my 77th birthday which is Monday, Dec. 7 (all over with by the time you read this). After she finished my hair we went and got Brutus and took him for a ride so we could take some groceries I had gotten at the Foodliner to my home, then back to Bethel to pick up some sandwiches at Subway and leave Brutus off at his home, and then went on to church for worship practice and the Wednesday evening service. Pastor Thacker is starting a study on Isaiah, which is going to be very good, I think. I made out like Flynn, as Ginny brought in a TracPhone for me for my birthday. I had mentioned in passing

that I was going to get one to have for the winter because last year I not only lost my portable when the electricity went out during a storm but the land line as well, as the snow took the wires down. Ginny said she had seen one on sale so I asked her to pick one up and I would pay her, but when I went to do that she said "no" because she had intended to get me something anyway and it might as well be that. Now I am not very familiar with all this latest technology so when I put in the battery I nearly threw it across the room when the phone said, "Hello." Good grief, now the phones are talking to you! The instructions said I had to get a phone card to activate it so I was not expecting to hear anything, much less "Hello"! Does it expect you to say, "Hello" back? I suppose it is not much different than talking to one's dolls when one is little, but I am not little by any stretch of the imagination, so I said nothing. No knowing what one little word to an inanimate object might lead to these days! Of course if I stub my toe on a chair leg I prob-

ably would talk to it quite forcibly but that is a different matter and a story for another time.

Anyhow, now Brutus has his name in the paper. Do you suppose that qualifies him to be called a "newshound?" (.....Groan).

Does it seem to you that our weather gets stranger and stranger? First it is warm, then it rains, then we get a cold day and then it warms up and rains again. Tonight it is warm again but the prediction is that in a couple days we will get a stretch of really cold weather. Garbo will not like that. She has not been pleased with the rain and wind and when it is cold she just sticks her nose out the door and then turns back in disgust. She just had her 15th birthday and is feeling her age! I know the feeling well.

I seem to have run out of time and ideas and/or news so I guess it is time to send this up and call it a wrap. Until next time God bless and have a good week.

Albany



by Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. Looks like

we may have a white Christmas this year (if it stays and we get the snow the forecast is calling for). Danny is just loving it! I think he was looking forward to the snow all summer!

Our littlest one turned 5 last Monday. Kids grow up so quickly, it's amazing watching them grow and develop, and turn into responsible adults.

Dyana will be coming home from college for Christmas break (at least part of it) next week. We're all looking forward to seeing her.

Has everyone gotten their Christmas cards sent? I haven't even bought mine yet. I completely forgot them last Christmas, so at least I'm thinking about them this year. It's been a hectic and at times stress-filled year, but even if we can't do all we want for Christmas this year, at least our kids will be home together and we can enjoy family time.

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was fun and I have a long way to go before I remember what I am doing. In any case it was fun and there were a great group of women there. The next one is in two weeks on Dec. 21. It is from 2 to 4 p.m. After December and the Solstice or maybe January, it will no longer be dark at that hour. YAY!

Sunday, the 13th, there is a farewell party for the Rusts. It is at 11:30 a.m. at the Congregational Church of Harrison and North Bridgton. Norm is retiring. The party is at 77 Main Street in Harrison, across from Crystal Lake. FMI call 743-7854.

We attended a great birthday party for grandchildren Carter and Gracey Hart, children of Dan and Carrie Hart. The whole family was there and all the children had a great time. The adults did too. Carter will be 5 and Gracey 3.

Hope to make it out a little more, soon. Knitting will keep me busy and my course on Green Building will be done in another week so I will have more time to devote to whatever.

A reminder that Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at Waterford Library the Adult Children of Alcoholics and other Dysfunctional Families meets. All are welcome FMI call 743-0583.

Anyone with news they want me to include either past or future please give me a call at 743-0583.

That is all for this week. Drive carefully and enjoy the snow!

From

Western Mountains Senior College

Senior College Players presented their annual fall "weekend of theater" on Nov. 21 and 22 to a standing-room-only audience and received a "standing ovation" after both performances. Lynn Arizzi, director, said the generous donations of attendees at both performances more than



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made up for the royalty fees of the plays and this support was very much appreciated.

Comments from attendees echoed those of many who enjoyed the talented performers. "Such talent and quite the tickle with plenty of surprises," said Charleen Chase.

Bonnie Pooley, co-chair of WMSC, was taken by the opening act, "As a lifelong Shakespeare fan, I loved the notion of bringing some of his liveliest female characters together in 'A Merry Regiment of Women' for a bit of repartee. Lorrie Hoeh as Juliet's nurse was particularly droll, and Mary Colbath's 'Kate the Shrew' was even more passionate than Kate, herself."

Bonnie said "the delightful dialogue of the philosophical lobsters, played by Tineke Ouwinga and Joanne Morse made me laugh out loud as they mused about life and death. Most entertaining."

Bonnie added that "all players are to be commended for the work they have done and the progress they have made both in skill and confidence." Other players performing included Joe Arizzi, Carol and Ross Timberlake, Roberta Taylor, Arita Zitoli, Norman Milliard, Karen Paul, Walter Brough, Barbara Dion and Rosabelle Tiff.

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The club would like to thank Sunday River Ski Resort for its donation of \$3,516 to the project from Sunday's Santa Sunday fundraiser. A total of 350 skiers and riders paid \$10 each to take to the slopes in Santa suits, with the proceeds going toward the project.

Anyone wishing to mail contributions may send them to the Bethel Rotary Club, PO Box 471, Bethel 04217.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 at noon will be the annual Senior Christmas Luncheon at the Locke Mills Legion Hall. Area seniors are invited to this popular meal and social gathering.

The week before Christmas, Rotarians will assemble food baskets for distribution to families in need.

Recent events

The fall Country Breakfast fundraiser, held Nov. 29 at Gould Academy, was a success, thanks again to the support of area residents who turned out for the hearty breakfast in Ordway Hall.

Thanks for everyone's support. The proceeds help support the club's many

community service projects.

Carolyn Johnson, a retired teacher and a member of the Rotary Club of Yarmouth, visited Bethel last week to talk to Telstar Middle School sixth-graders about her work with a literacy project in Guatemala.

Earlier this year she made her eighth trip to the country, where illiteracy rates are as high as 70 percent in rural areas. The Guatemala Literacy Project provides textbooks for schools, with parents paying a small amount for each book.

Johnson and her club have supported the project since 2005. In addition to books, the club also buys and donates school supplies, basketballs, and soccer balls.

After making a presentation to the TMS students, Johnson met with the Interact Club, which is a service club sponsored by the Bethel Rotary Club. Interact members are made up of high school students from Telstar High School and Gould Academy.

Rotary overview

The Rotary Club of Bethel is very active in local community service projects and in providing financial support for other area organizations.

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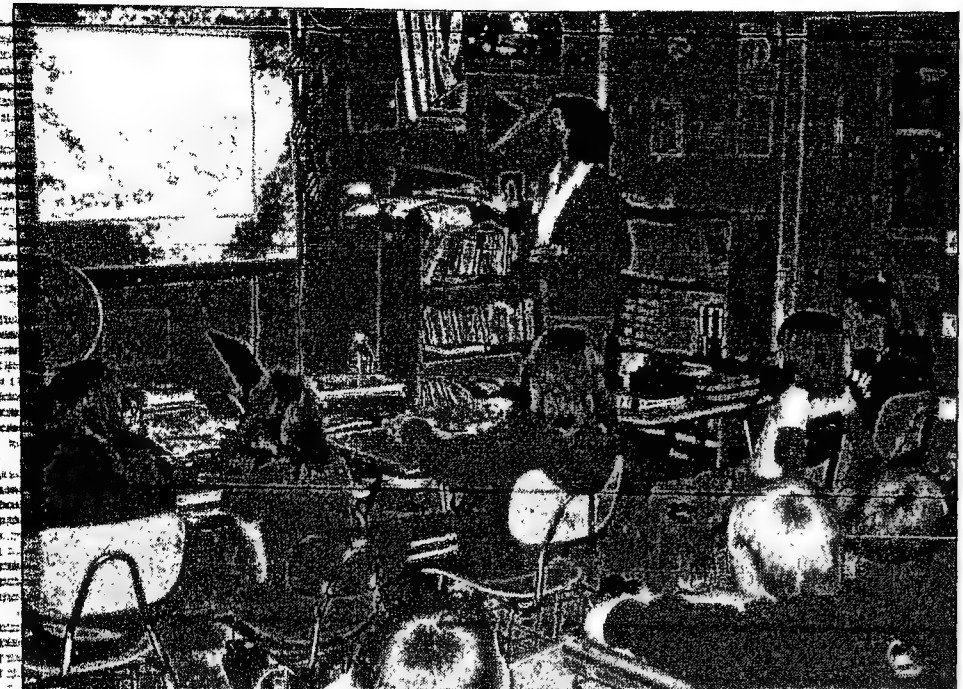
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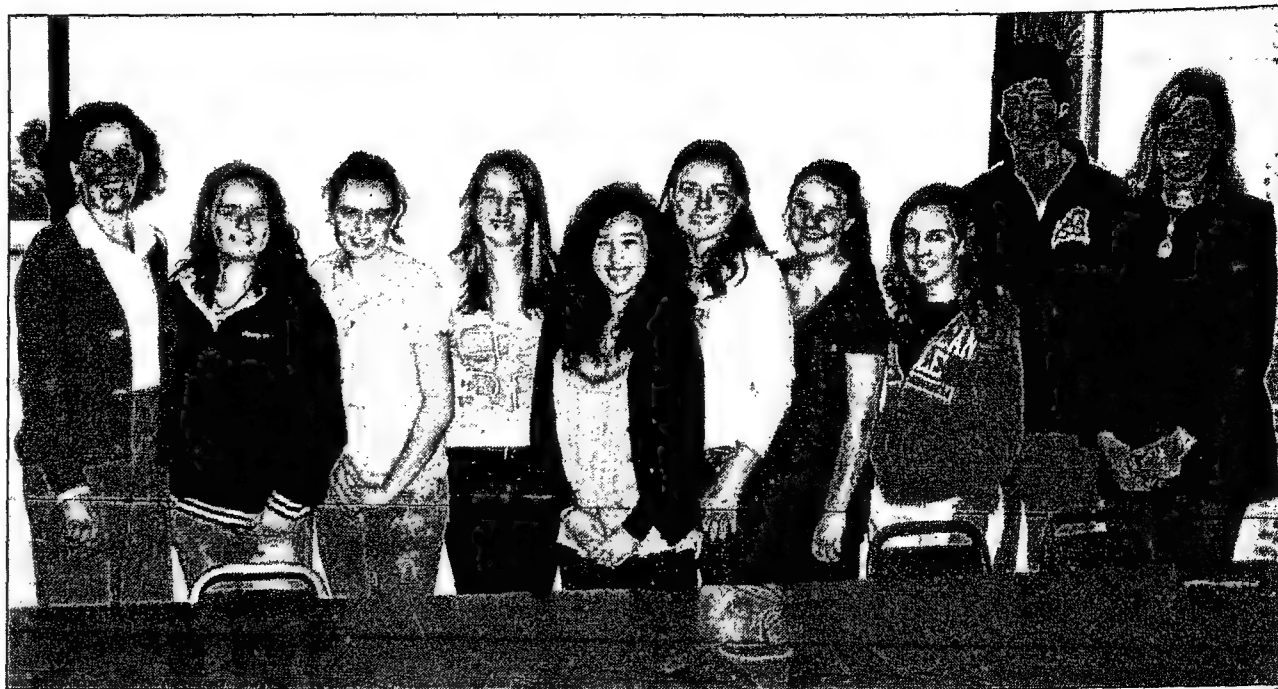
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tion to the TMS students, Johnson met with the Interact Club (right), which is a service club sponsored by the Bethel Rotary Club. Interact members are made up of high school students from Telstar High School and Gould Academy. Pictured are, from left: Johnson, Gail Lavorgne, Victoria Forkus, T.J. Cowin, Whitney Malias, Stephanie Savage, Samantha Largess, Lindsey James, Matt Perejda, advisor Michele Perejda. Absent: Jamie Steven, advisor Kathy Kunkle.

(Photos: Sandy Schroeder, Joe Arizzi)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2009, a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale was entered by the District Court, District Eleven, Division of Northern Oxford, in an action entitled *Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association v. James McDonnell*, under Docket No. RUM-RE-09-19, for the foreclosure of condominium association fees due from the said James McDonnell to Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association said judgment being duly recorded in the Oxford County Registry of deeds and

WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendants, their successors or assigns;

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 10:15 a.m. on **Wednesday, December 30, 2009, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine**, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:

Certain real estate located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows:

Use Period I in Unit 240 (the "Quarter Share Estate") at the Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, a condominium established in accordance with the Maine Condominium Act, Chapter 31 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, as amended, and in accordance with the Maine statute regarding Time Share, Chapter 10-A of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, as amended, together with said Quarter Share Estate's percentage interest and all other appurtenant rights in Common Elements and Limited Common Elements, all as more particularly described in the Declaration of Condominium, The Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, Newry, Maine, dated December 17, 1997, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2507, Page 117 (the "Declaration"), and as delineated on the Plats and Plans of The Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, recorded in said Registry of Deeds, Plan numbers 3085 through 3092.

Being precisely the same premises conveyed to James McDonnell by Warranty Deed of James McDonnell and Gloria McDonnell dated July 25, 2001, which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 3067, Page 142.

TERMS OF SALE: Pursuant to Title 14 M.R.S.A. §6323, the public sale shall be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the first date of publication of this Notice. The Association shall sell the premises to the highest bidder at the public sale and deliver a deed of such sale to the purchaser, which deed shall convey the premises free and clear of all interest of the parties-in-interest joined in the action. The Association or any other party-in-interest may bid at the public sale. All bids are to be supported by 10% deposit, except for banks. All deposits are to be made either in cash or by certified check at the time of bidding. Closing on the sale shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale. All other terms are to be announced at the sale or may be obtained by contacting the Mortgagee at its place of business in Bethel, Maine, or the undersigned attorney for the Mortgagee.

DATED AT PARIS, MAINE, this 12th day of November, 2009.

JORDAN GRAND CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION

By: John S. Jenness, Jr.
Its Attorney
23 Market Square
South Paris, Maine 04281
(207) 743-2096

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2009, a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale was entered by the District Court, District Eleven, Division of Northern Oxford, in an action entitled *Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association v. Mark P. Allen and Marjorie L. Allen*, under Docket No. RUM-RE-09-16, for the foreclosure of condominium association fees due from the said Mark P. Allen and Marjorie L. Allen to Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association said judgment being duly recorded in the Oxford County Registry of deeds and

WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendants, their successors or assigns;

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 9:45 a.m. on **Wednesday, December 30, 2009, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine**, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:

Certain real estate located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows:

Use Period IV in Unit 217 (the "Quarter Share Estate") at the Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, a condominium established in accordance with the Maine Condominium Act, Chapter 31 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, as amended, and in accordance with the Maine statute regarding Time Share, Chapter 10-A of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, as amended, together with said Quarter Share Estate's percentage interest and all other appurtenant rights in Common Elements and Limited Common Elements, all as more particularly described in the Declaration of Condominium, The Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, Newry, Maine, dated December 17, 1997, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2507, Page 117 (the "Declaration"), and as delineated on the Plats and Plans of The Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, recorded in said Registry of Deeds, Plan numbers 3085 through 3092.

Being precisely the same premises conveyed to Mark P. Allen and Marjorie L. Allen by Warranty Deed of Grand Summit Resort Properties, Inc. dated June 16, 2000, which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2847, Page 255.

TERMS OF SALE: Pursuant to Title 14 M.R.S.A. §6323, the public sale shall be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the first date of publication of this Notice. The Association shall sell the premises to the highest bidder at the public sale and deliver a deed of such sale to the purchaser, which deed shall convey the premises free and clear of all interest of the parties-in-interest joined in the action. The Association or any other party-in-interest may bid at the public sale. All bids are to be supported by 10% deposit, except for banks. All deposits are to be made either in cash or by certified check at the time of bidding. Closing on the sale shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale. All other terms are to be announced at the sale or may be obtained by contacting the Mortgagee at its place of business in Bethel, Maine, or the undersigned attorney for the Mortgagee.

DATED AT PARIS, MAINE, this 12th day of November, 2009.

JORDAN GRAND CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION

By: John S. Jenness, Jr.
Its Attorney
23 Market Square
South Paris, Maine 04281
(207) 743-2096

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2009, a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale was entered by the District Court, District Eleven, Division of Northern Oxford, in an action entitled *The Summit Condominium Owners Association v. Michael T. Fitzpatrick and Karen Kelley Fitzpatrick*, under Docket No. RUM-RE-08-82, for the foreclosure of condominium association fees due from the said Michael T. Fitzpatrick and Karen Kelley Fitzpatrick to The Summit Condominium Owners Association said judgment being duly recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds and

WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendants, their successors or assigns;

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 9:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, December 30, 2009, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine**, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:

Certain real estate located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows:

Unit No. 363 Time Share Unit Quarter IV in Building II of Phase II in the Summit at Sunday River, A Condominium, located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, a condominium established by Sunday River Skiway Corporation pursuant to the Maine Condominium Act and by Declaration of Condominium dated December 14, 1992, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds, Eastern District, in Book 1965, Page 187 (which Declaration, together with the Exhibits and/or appendices thereto, and any amendments, is herein termed "Declaration") and to which reference is hereby made), which said unit is shown on the floor plans of the building identified above recorded simultaneously with said Declaration in said Registry of Deeds. Reference is also made to survey plan, by Dana C. Douglass, Jr., R.S., likewise recorded simultaneously with said Declaration in said Registry.

Being precisely the same premises conveyed to Michael T. Fitzpatrick and Karen Kelley Fitzpatrick by Warranty Deed of Sunday River Skiway Corporation dated March 12, 1996, which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2309, Page 29 and entitled and subject to all benefits and restrictions as described therein.

TERMS OF SALE: Pursuant to Title 14 M.R.S.A. §6323, the public sale shall be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the first date of publication of this Notice. The Association shall sell the premises to the highest bidder at the public sale and deliver a deed of such sale to the purchaser, which deed shall convey the premises free and clear of all interest of the parties-in-interest joined in the action. The Association or any other party-in-interest may bid at the public sale. All bids are to be supported by 10% deposit, except for banks. All deposits are to be made either in cash or by certified check at the time of bidding. Closing on the sale shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale. All other terms are to be announced at the sale or may be obtained by contacting the Mortgagee at its place of business in Bethel, Maine, or the undersigned attorney for the Mortgagee.

DATED AT PARIS, MAINE, this 12th day of November, 2009.

THE SUMMIT CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION

By: John S. Jenness, Jr.
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23 Market Square
South Paris, Maine 04281
(207) 743-2096

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2009, a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale was entered by the District Court, District Eleven, Division of Northern Oxford, in an action entitled *Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association v. Deborah Seguin (aka Seguin) and R. Kerry Mitchell*, under Docket No. RUM-RE-09-21, for the foreclosure of condominium association fees due from the said Deborah Seguin and R. Kerry Mitchell to Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association said judgment being duly recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds and

WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendants, their successors or assigns;

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 10:30 a.m. on **Wednesday, December 30, 2009, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine**, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:

Certain real estate located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows:

Use Period III in Unit 235/237 (the "Quarter Share Estate") at the Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, a condominium established in accordance with the Maine Condominium Act, Chapter 31 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, as amended, and in accordance with the Maine statute regarding Time Share, Chapter 10-A of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, as amended, together with said Quarter Share Estate's percentage interest and all other appurtenant rights in Common Elements and Limited Common Elements, all as more particularly described in the Declaration of Condominium, The Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, Newry, Maine, dated December 17, 1997, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2507, Page 117 (the "Declaration"), and as delineated on the Plats and Plans of The Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, recorded in said Registry of Deeds, Plan Numbers 3085 through 3092.

Being precisely the same premises conveyed to Deborah Seguin and R. Kerry Mitchell by Warranty Deed of Grand Summit Resort Properties, Inc. dated January 30, 1998, which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2524, Page 168 and entitled and subject to all benefits and restrictions as described therein.

TERMS OF SALE: Pursuant to Title 14 M.R.S.A. §6323, the public sale shall be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the first date of publication of this Notice. The Association shall sell the premises to the highest bidder at the public sale and deliver a deed of such sale to the purchaser, which deed shall convey the premises free and clear of all interest of the parties-in-interest joined in the action. The Association or any other party-in-interest may bid at the public sale. All bids are to be supported by 10% deposit, except for banks. All deposits are to be made either in cash or by certified check at the time of bidding. Closing on the sale shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale. All other terms are to be announced at the sale or may be obtained by contacting the Mortgagee at its place of business in Bethel, Maine, or the undersigned attorney for the Mortgagee.

DATED AT PARIS, MAINE, this 12th day of November, 2009.

JORDAN GRAND CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION

By: John S. Jenness, Jr.
Its Attorney
23 Market Square
South Paris, Maine 04281
(207) 743-2096

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2009, a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale was entered by the District Court, District Eleven, Division of Northern Oxford, in an action entitled *Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association v. James McDonnell*, under Docket No. RUM-RE-09-18, for the foreclosure of condominium association fees due from the said James McDonnell to Jordan Grand Condominium Owners Association said judgment being duly recorded in the Oxford County Registry of deeds and

WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendants, their successors or assigns;

NOW, THEREFORE, by order of and in execution of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at public sale at 10:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, December 30, 2009, at the office of John S. Jenness, Jr., Esq., at 23 Market Square, South Paris, Maine**, all and singular the premises described in said Judgment, to wit:

Certain real estate located in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford and State of Maine, more particularly described as follows:

Use Period I in Unit 242/244 (the "Quarter Share Estate") at the Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, a condominium established in accordance with the Maine Condominium Act, Chapter 31 of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, as amended, and in accordance with the Maine statute regarding Time Share, Chapter 10-A of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, as amended, together with said Quarter Share Estate's percentage interest and all other appurtenant rights in Common Elements and Limited Common Elements, all as more particularly described in the Declaration of Condominium, The Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, Newry, Maine, dated December 17, 1997, and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2507, Page 117 (the "Declaration"), and as delineated on the Plats and Plans of The Jordan Grand at Sunday River, A Condominium, recorded in said Registry of Deeds, Plan numbers 3085 through 3092.

Being precisely the same premises conveyed to James McDonnell by Warranty Deed of James McDonnell and Gloria McDonnell dated July 25, 2001, which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 3067, Page 139.

TERMS OF SALE: Pursuant to Title 14 M.R.S.A. §6323, the public sale shall be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than forty-five (45) days after the first date of publication of this Notice. The Association shall sell the premises to the highest bidder at the public sale and deliver a deed of such sale to the purchaser, which deed shall convey the premises free and clear of all interest of the parties-in-interest joined in the action. The Association or any other party-in-interest may bid at the public sale. All bids are to be supported by 10% deposit, except for banks. All deposits are to be made either in cash or by certified check at the time of bidding. Closing on the sale shall occur within thirty (30) days of the date of the sale. All other terms are to be announced at the sale or may be obtained by contacting the Mortgagee at its place of business in Bethel, Maine, or the undersigned attorney for the Mortgagee.

DATED AT PARIS, MAINE, this 12th day of November, 2009.

JORDAN GRAND CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Honor roll

WOODSTOCK SCHOOL

The following students have been named to the Woodstock Elementary School honor roll for the first quarter of the 2009-2010 school year.

GRADE FOUR

All A's: Russell Cushman.
A's and B's: Duncan Forbes, Tanner Kist, Blake Rothwell, Marie Rodriguez, Krystamarie Welch.

GRADE FIVE

A's and B's: Brayden Bean, Deziree MacKillop, Cyrena Cox, Chasity Pike, Jordan Gilson, Jessica Pike, Tehya Johnson.

From

Andover Education Fund

We are off to a great start this year in spite of all the doom and gloom surrounding the economic status of our world. We are currently funding 27 students from the Edfund — an unheard of number prior to this year. This is what we are all about folks, and thank you for your continued support all these last 23 years.

I was presented the 6 Who Care award for volunteerism in Portland on Oct. 19. You may see the portfolio

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE

Please take notice that Spruce Mountain Wind, LLC ("SMW"), an affiliate of Patriot Renewables, LLC, with its principal offices at 549 South Street, Quincy, MA 02169, (617) 890-0600, intends to file a Joint Natural Resources Protection Act and Site Location of Development Act permit application pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S.A. §§ 480-A et seq. and 38 M.R.S.A. §§ 481-490, respectively, and regulations thereunder. SMW will also be seeking a Section 401 Water Quality Certification pursuant to 33 U.S.C. § 1341. The application will be filed on or about December 21, 2009.

In connection with this application, SMW will hold a public informational meeting at the Woodstock Elementary School, 224 Rumford Avenue, Bryant Pond, Maine on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is for SMW to seek public comment on the proposed Spruce Mountain Wind Project.

The application is for the construction and operation of the Spruce Mountain Wind Project in the town of Woodstock, Maine. The proposed wind project would consist of up to 11 wind turbines, an access road, an operations and maintenance building, a below-grade electrical collection system linking the turbines, and an above-grade electric transmission line delivering the electricity to the regional market.

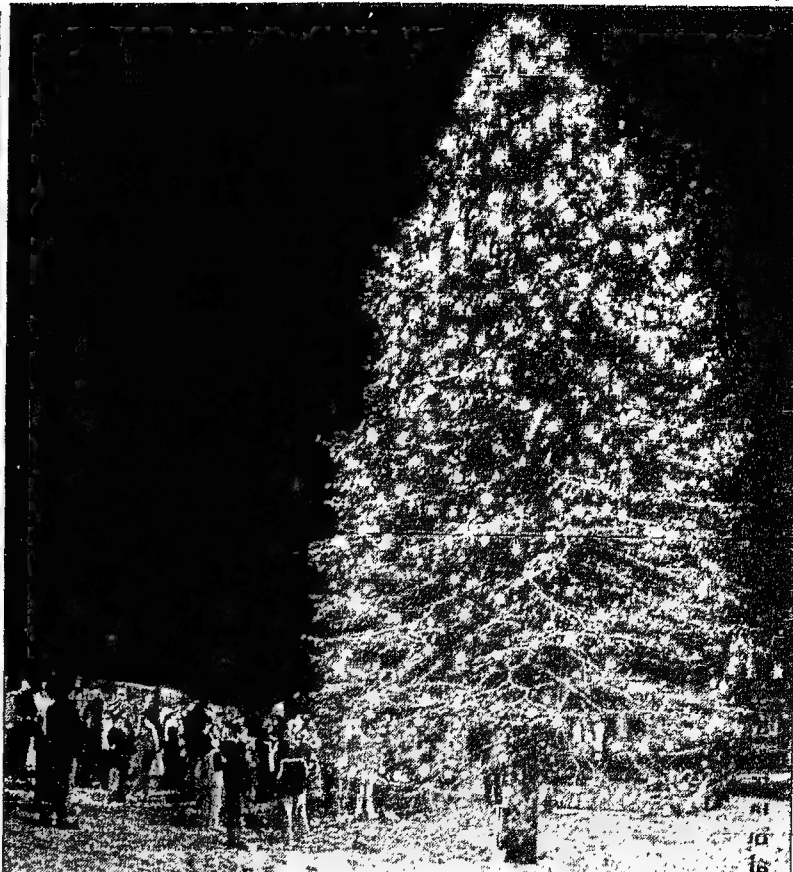
A request for a public hearing or a request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

The application will be available for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection's office in Portland during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal office in Woodstock, Maine.

Written public comments may be sent to Maine Department of Environmental Protection, 312 Canco Road, Portland, Maine 04103.



TASTES OF THE SEASON—A large crowd turned out Saturday for the Taste of Bethel and the Bethel Area Business and Home Expo, held at Telstar High School. Above left, Heather Hale-Ni-vus of the Good Food Store serves Lida lies. Late in the afternoon, dozens of children and adults



gathered on Main Street for a new event, the Jingle Bell Run. With jingle bells attached to their shoes, the crowd jogged up the street to the common, for the annual lighting of the Christmas tree (right)

(Photos: A. Aloisio)

done on the Edfund and the school lunch program on the website www.wcsh6.com, go to the community tab and the names of the 6 Who Care award recipients are listed. Check out the other recipients, and you will see why I am so humbled and inspired by this award. I will receive a \$1,000 award from TDNorth that will be included in the Edfund campaign when received.

Contributors to the Edfund since January '09 include: A. & B Forestry, Rumford; Albert Abbott, Norway; Minnie Akers, Andover; Stephen and Janet Akers, Vicksburg, Miss.; Andover Service Circle, East Andover; Anonymous; Clarence and Mary Bailey, Andover;

Raymond and Winona Barker, in memory of Violet Swain, Rumford; Paul and Sally Bodwell, Bethel; Robert and Victoria Bolduc, Skowhegan; Scott and Sharold Nuppula, Bowman, Owls Head; J Lee and Beverly Boyle, Mexico; Casey Brown, Westbrook; Steven; and Shiena Bryant, Kennebunkport; Marcia Chastanet, Andover; Patricia Emens Clark, Unity; Mike and Sandra Clement, Andover; Honey Cronin, Andover; Cole Camp in memory of Archer and Esther Cole, Haddonfield, N.J.; Jayne E Costa, Andover; Bruce and Patricia Mills Cox, Peru; Richard and Bettina Crowley, Andover; Burton deFrees, Rumford; Thomas H. Dunn, Orange Park, Fla.; East

Andover Community Club, East Andover; Keith and Janet Farrington, Andover; Judith Fyrberg in memory of Roland, Clay and Glenn, East Andover; Gail Greenman, Niceville, Fla., in memory of Ruth Chenery Sherwood; Carleton and Carmela Harrigan, Rumford; Arlene Harrington, East Bethel; P. Randolph and Susan Harris, Jr., Westwood, Mass.; Charlotte F. Hayes, Dixfield; Peter and Denise Hurd, Andover; Stephen and Rebecca Hudspeth, Wilton, Conn.; and, Gerard and Janet Illig, Eliot; Richard and Polly Ann Johnston, Spanaway, Wash.;


Virginia Justard in memory of my daughter Allyson Rae Hodsdon and my son Joel H. Hodsdon, Rumford; William and Geraldine Kelley, Andover; Jim and Evelyn Kenney, Upton; Patricia Kenyon, Upton; Knights of Pythias, Andover; Karle and Patricia Learned, Windham; Gerard and Judith Michaud, East Andover; L. Jean Noyes, Rangeley; Kril Percival, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Sidney and Eileen Pew, East Andover; The Rev. Jane Rich, Andover; Raymond and Linda Robert, Andover; Roger and Barb Sabin, Andover; Marcia Schroeder, Mexico; Donald

Smith in loving memory of my wife Maria, Whiting, N.J.; Snow Valley Sno-Goers, Inc., Andover; Karen Swan, Andover; Stephen and Susan Swan, Westbrook; William and Beverly Swan, Andover; Harmon and Maxine Thurston, Brandon, Vt.; William and Patricia Thurston, Andover; Richard Waterhouse, Andover; Edward Williams,


Wayland, Mass.; Jack Williams, Wayland, Mass.; and the Yates Family in memory of Augusta Brynna Yates, Rumford.

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Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - **Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - **Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families** (ACOA or ACA) group meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons). All welcome. FMI call 743-0583.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris on Sept. 2.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **Tai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p.quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - **Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

7 p.m. - **Bethel Snow Twisters**, 208 Walkers Mills Road, meetings First Sunday, thru April.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. - **Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Thru Jan. 2010 - **At Norway Library**: Local scenes: paintings and prints by Cynthia Burmeister. FMI: 743-5309 or visit www.Norway.lib.me.us.

Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell, now showing Maine Pastel Artist Wade Zahares original life pastel paintings. FMI: 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com.

Thru December 24

Country Christmas in Bethel - Wagon rides through Bethel Village, open houses, shopping specials, Santa, Christmas tree lighting, caroling, Living Nativity (Dec. 20). FMI: 824-2282.

Thursday, Dec. 10

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Thurs.) - **Annual Christmas Sale** at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris. Donations of homemade goods and handy crafts graciously accepted.

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, guest speaker Martha Elkin presents "A Day at School in 1853."

Thursday, Dec. 11

6 p.m. - **Alder River Grange** potluck supper/Christmas meeting at Stan Howe's home, Broad Street, Bethel. Please bring something for the food pantry.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11-12 and 18-19
7:30 p.m. - **At Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield: Bah Hoonchbach-A Very Odd Christmas Carol. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$6 children. Special matinee performances Dec. 12-13 and 18-19 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10/\$8/\$4. FMI: visit www.Oddfellow.com.

Saturday, Dec. 12

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Christmas Fair** at Andover First Congregational Church. Tables available (call Jane 392-3761 or Linda 364-7968).

9:30 to 3 p.m. - **Day of Mindfulness** in Tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh entitled "Peace in Our Hearts, Peace in the World," at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Free (donations accepted). All welcome. FMI: call Cynthia Handlen at 824-0842 or (cell) 671-1532.

Christmas Fair by Goodwill Fellowship of First Universalist Church at Agnes Gray School, West Paris. Winner of quilt drawn at end of day.

10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - **Santa at Maine Veterans' Home**, 477 High Street, South Paris (743-6300). Community welcome to visit with Santa. Complimentary photos with Santa. C-sponsored by Maine Veterans' Home and Western Maine Veterans Advisory Committee.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Toy Swap** at Telstar High School. Bring in gently used toys and "swap" for others. Child care available at gym. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 213 or 207.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Craft Fair** by Andover Firefighters Association at the fire station. Santa arrives 1 p.m.

10:45 a.m. - **Christmas Program** presented by Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church.

2 to 4 p.m. - **Free Horse-drawn wagon ride** from Bethel common through historic Bethel village, sponsored by Cross Excavation.

Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9, 26

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** playing old-fashioned dance music at South Parks Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$5.

Sunday, Dec. 13

10:30 a.m. - **Farwell Party for Norm and Betty Rust**, Congregational Church of Harrison and North Bridgton, 77 Main Street, across from Crystal Lake. FMI: 743-7854.

4 p.m. - **Christmas Cantata, "The Gift Goes On,"** at Locke Mills Union Church. Choir members from local churches directed by Bev Melville and accompanied by Lynn Ramsey on organ. Refreshments follow. Everyone welcome.

5 p.m. - **Christmas Potluck Supper** followed by visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus at West Paris Universalist Church.

Monday, Dec. 14

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshop at Rumford Career Center, 35 Congress Street. FMI: (800) 281-3703 or visit meoc.maine.edu.

6:30 p.m. - **"Dancing in the Snow"** by The Toe Tappin' Jazz Dance Studio at Telstar High School Auditorium (storm date: Dec. 15). Admission: \$7 adults/\$5 students and age 3 and under free. Tickets at door (open 6 p.m.).

Dec. 14, Jan. 19, Feb. 23

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Healthcare Provider Re-certification** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building, 7701 Main Street, Oxford. FMI: call Patty 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

Noon - **Bethel Rotary Senior Christmas Luncheon** at American Legion Hall, Locke Mills.

Thursday, Dec. 17

6 to 10 p.m. - **Celebration of Rocky Freda's Life**. Food, music, auction, for which food, and auction items being collected. Donation, \$10, collected at door for buffet dinner and music (all of which benefit Rocky's widow, Lisa). Children under 12 \$5. RSVP necessary to Matterhorn (824-6271) no later than Monday, Dec. 14.

7 p.m. - **Let It Snow**, Art Moves Informal Holiday Show at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, Route 26, South Paris. Tickets: \$5 advance (available at Books 'n Things, Norway) or \$7 at door. FMI: 743-5569

Friday, Dec. 18

6:30 p.m. - **Norway Open Mic Night** with guest host Mary Christine at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Sign-up for performers begins 6:30 p.m. and open mic begins 7 p.m. \$3 donation at door. Refreshments available.

Buy Local Late Night. Several business will stay open until 8 p.m. FMI: call 824-2282.

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18 and 19

Christmas Cantata, "The Best Christmas Present Ever!" performed by South Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Forestdale school children at the church in the valley. Times: Friday, Dec. 18, 6:45 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 19, 10:45 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Families in Crisis Task Force Toy Distribution** at Family Counseling Service Office, 659 Park Street (Route 26), South Paris. For grandparents and parents of low-income or crisis situations. Also given out (while last) turkeys and/or hams. FMI: 357-7072.

2 to 4 p.m. - **Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides** begin at town common near Chapman Inn, sponsored by Dream Realty.

7 p.m. - **Waterford Library Holiday Community Gathering** on Waterford Common with candle lit caroling. Refreshments after. Santa will be there and each child will receive a book. All invited to attend.

Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Heartsaver CPR and First Aid** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building, 701 Main Street, Oxford. Attend only one for certificate (daycare providers, foster parents, Maine Guides, forestry and non-healthcare related positions). FMI: call Patty at 671-4460 or e-mail pluked@yahoo.com.

Sunday, Dec. 20

2 p.m. - **Holiday Concert** at First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street, Norway. Donation at door \$5. Program includes anthems, chants, seasonal readings and rounds. FMI: 743-2828 or e-mail vesselrecordings@yahoo.com.

Thursday, Dec. 24

7 p.m. - **Candlelight Service** at Bethel Alliance Church joined by Bethel Church of Nazarene at the Alliance Church at 251 Walker's Mills Road, Bethel.

7:30 p.m. - **Candlelight Service** at West Paris Universalist Church.

Sunday, Dec. 27

1 p.m. - **100th Birthday Celebration for Edna York's 100th Birthday** at Locke Mills Legion. A funny anecdote, special memory, a way Edna has blessed your life, and attribute you admire would be appreciated by Nov. 30 to Patty Hyland, 113 Sanders Avenue, Scotia, N.Y. 12302.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

7 p.m. - **Maine Hysterical Society** in action, presented by Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Grand Summit Resort Hotel Grand Ballroom at Sunday River.

Thursday, Dec. 31

New Year's Party with dance music by Jones Dance Band at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Reservations: call Betty DeCoteau (743-7965). Cost: \$12.50 singles and \$25 couples.

Saturday, Jan. 2

7 p.m. - **Dave Garrity, illusionist**, presented by Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at Grand Summit Resort Hotel Grand Ballroom at Sunday River.

Thursday, Jan 7 and Friday, Jan 8

Fusionworks Dance presented by Mahosuc Arts Council on Thursday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m. at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium and on Friday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. at Telstar Regional Middle and High schools and area home-schooled students. Tickets: \$10 adults and \$6 seniors and children. FMI: call 824-3575 or visit www.mahosucarts.org.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1:430 to 6:8 pm; Thursday 1:430 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. Tel: 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2380

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

Upton Library: Tuesday 1-4 (Storyhour 1-2); Saturday 9-noon.

Items for the Community Calendar

may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, E-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426

DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT NOON

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 285 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 6 pm. Office 864-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m.. FMI call 824-0550.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday

School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-9939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul LeVigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9

a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale. Special annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service (Dec. 24) by the upstairs fireplace in Barker Mtn. Lodge, 7:30 pm. Regular services start the following Sunday (Dec. 27) upstairs at White Cap, 10-11 a.m. For more information: 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Sing-spiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 685-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more info.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave.. The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 4 pm; Sunday Mass, 9:30 am; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am, Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins. Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

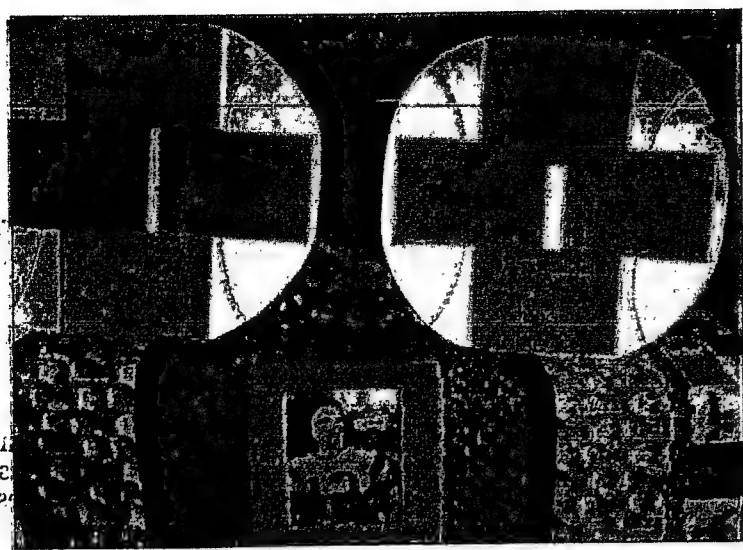
Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI.

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HOMEMADE PATRIOTS QUILT TO BE RAFFLED—The TMS Lady Rebels softball team will travel to North Carolina for pre-season games in April 2010. To help finance the trip, the team is selling raffle tickets for a homemade, queen size New England Patriots quilt. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will take place Dec. 22. To purchase tickets: held@slopesiderentals.net; call 824-2920 or come to any Telstar home middle school or high school basketball game Dec. 7, 11, 14, 16, or 18, where the quilt will be on display.

School Lunch

Week of Dec. 14

Telstar Lunches

Monday: Chicken rings, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, peaches. Pizza choices, hot sandwich options.
Tuesday: Homemade turkey noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich, blueberries and yogurt. Pizza choices, hot sandwich options.
Wednesday: Pasta bar. Spaghetti/meat sauce, garlic bread, broccoli and cheese sauce. Pizza choices, hot sandwich options.
Thursday: Sandwich bar. Christmas dinner: turkey/gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, homemade roll, chocolate birthday cake. Hot dogs on roll.
Friday: Max pizza sticks, chips, veggies/dip, apple. Pizza choices, hot sandwich options.
 Fruit and vegetable bar available daily. Four servings of fruits and vegetables available.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Chicken rings, oven fries, mixed veggies. PB&J uncrustables.
Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich. PB&J uncrustables.
Wednesday: Spaghetti/meat sauce, green beans, roll. PB&J uncrustables.
Thursday: Christmas dinner: turkey/gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, homemade roll. PB&J uncrustables.
Friday: Tuna roll, raw veggies/dip, crunchy apple, cookies. PB&J uncrustables.

Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Gould 45; Buckfield 44; Dec. 4—Gould beat Buckfield in overtime. The Huskies were led by Abram Bartlett with 13 points and Will Bunge with 12. Ron Ruiz also contributed greatly in overtime, making a key three pointer in the last minute to give the Huskies the lead. Michelle Kravetz also made a huge steal with 12 seconds left, got fouled and made a key free throw to give Gould the victory.

Telstar 67, Carrabec 58; Dec. 4—Telstar's Dan Vaughn had 25 points and Ben Field 23. Field had 25 rebounds and Vaughn had 12 steals. Dan Whitney had 11 assists.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Telstar 48, Carrabec 39; Dec. 4—Telstar freshman Dominic Haines led all scorers with 22 points, followed by freshman Nick Mills (9) and sophomore point guard Devin Vall (7). Freshman Lucas Bellanceau led the team with 15 rebounds. The Rebels have 15 players on their roster: eight freshmen, four sophomores and three juniors. — Coach David Berry

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 53, Mt. Valley 28; Dec. 7—Telstar's Josef Andrews led the team in scoring with 20 points, Nik Conrad added 12, Austin Ryerson 10 and David Pilgrim 6. Good team defense and rebounding were the keys to the game. — Coach Tim O'Connor

TMS Boys' J.V. Basketball

Mt. Valley 29, Telstar 27; Dec. 7—TMS team lost a close game against Mountain Valley. Seven players contributed offensively for the Rebels, and everyone chipped in on the defensive end. The next home game will be Dec. 14 at 3:30, when the Rebels host the Dirigo Cougars. — Coach Sean Caddigan

TMS Girls' Varsity Basketball

Jay 34, Telstar 13; Dec. 3—Telstar scorers: Alyssa Brands 7; Maisey Griffin 2; Casey Blaszcak 2; Hali Barter 2. All girls played well whether scoring or playing tough defense. — Co-Coaches Becky Morin and Scott Haines

TMS Girls' J.V. Basketball

Jay 27, Telstar 23; Dec. 3—Telstar held Jay at even score in the first quarter, dropped behind in the second, but came out strong in the second half playing good defense and scoring more. Savannah Pelletier led the team in score with 6 points, Becca Howard 5, Vanessa Godwin 4, Olivia York 2, Katie Merrill 2, Jessie Kelly 2, and Octavia Morin 2. — Co-Coaches Becky Morin and Scott Haines

Telstar High School 2009-2010 Alpine Ski Team Season Preview

Girls' Team Roster:

Samantha Largess (senior three-year individual GS & SL alpine champion); T.J. Cowin (senior) contributor to three State Class C alpine championships; Morgan Lee (junior, contributor to two state alpine championships); Jamie Steven (junior); Susan Newkirk (sophomore); Rachel Wheeler (freshman).

Boys' Team Roster:

Gavin Lee (senior); Cody Boivin (sophomore); Josh Head (sophomore); Anthony Dirago (sophomore); Tyler James (freshman) and several additional freshmen.

Outlook:

"We lost only two seniors to graduation Peggie Depasquale and Frankie Del Duca, but both were significant team contributors and a big loss for the team. On the girls' side, they are working hard to continue their winning tradition, focusing on learning to ski the fastest line at each race. While they have had several very successful seasons, they cannot be complacent, as they will be competing against many worthy opponents who will be skiing to win as well. Losing Peggie to graduation is a loss for the team, but we are hopeful that freshman Rachel Wheeler and the other girls will step up and fill the void."

"Gavin Lee as the lone upperclassman will lead the charge for the boys' team. With his natural athleticism he is poised for a great season. Combined with the three returning sophomores Cody Boivin, Josh Head and Anthony Dirago and several new freshmen, including Tyler James, our numbers have increased significantly, as has our potential to win. Our focus will be on skiing fundamentals and working the fastest line at each race." — Coach Anne Reis

Telstar High School 2009-2010 Cross-Country Ski Team Preview

Girls' Roster:

Kimberlei Dean and Taylor Maines, juniors

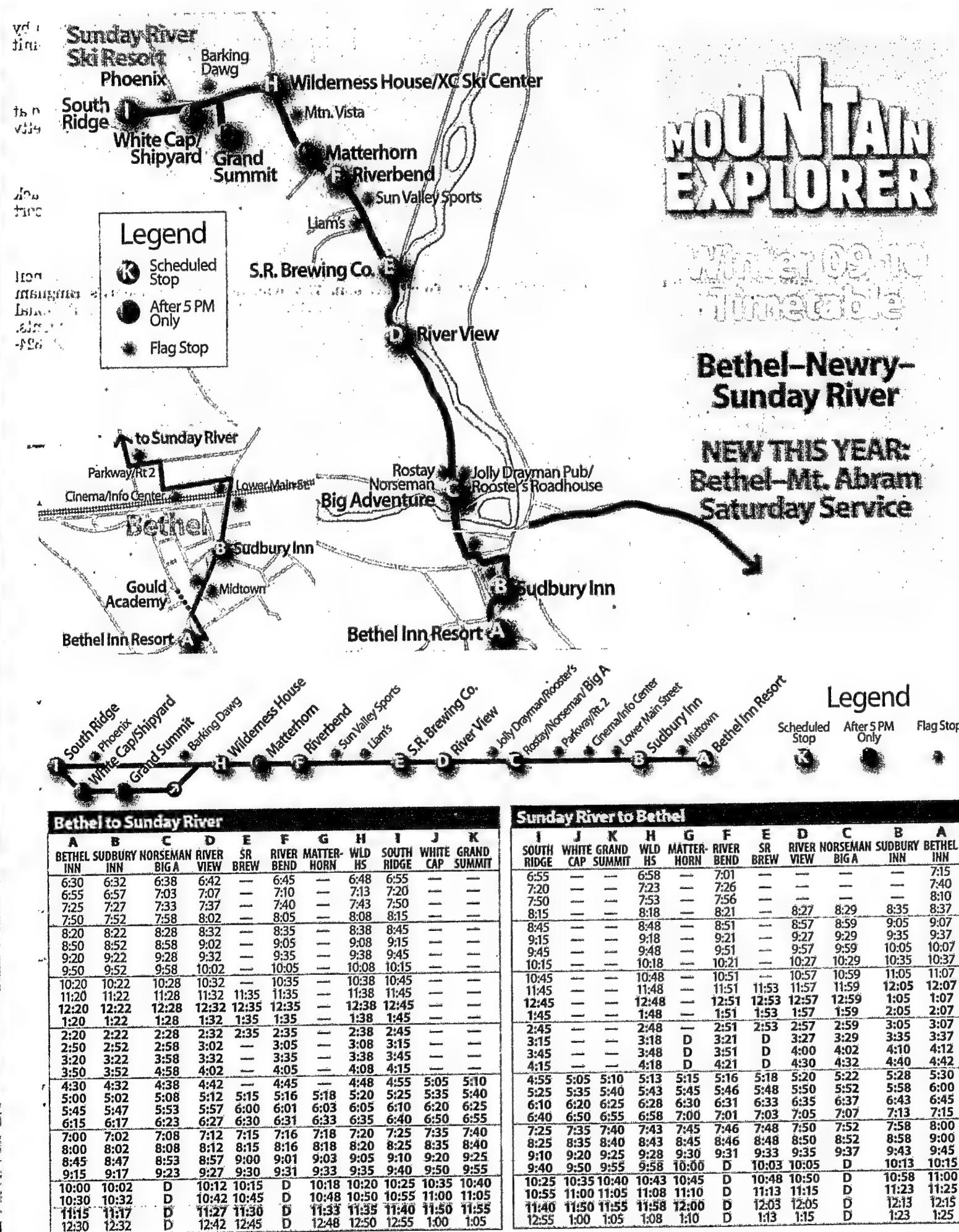
Boys' Roster:

Rick Aguilar (junior); Ben Lewis, Matt Keane, James Piccirillo, Adam Mahar, Gabe Aguilar (sophomores)

Outlook:

Girls: "The girls team members are brand-new skiers, but both are in great shape. I am looking forward to the girls growing as skiers this season and doing well."

Boys: "This is a young team with skiing experience. They are in great shape as well, and I believe will represent the school well during competitive season. All the kids are enjoyable to coach, hard working and they get along well. I am looking forward to a good season." — Coach Ann Speth



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SERVICE NOTES

The Mt. Abram Resort bus operates Saturdays only, December 19 through March 27.

Buses to Sunday River operate weekends only between Thanksgiving and December 19, then daily until April 11.

Shaded times on Sunday River route operate Fridays, Saturdays, and vacation weeks only.

D Indicates stops to drop off passengers.

Buses will stop at Big Adventure when it is open. Call Big Adventure at (207) 824-0929.

Transferring from one shuttle system to the other can be done at the Info Center/Cinema stop.

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SUPPORT SERVICES

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AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting, Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1.

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting, Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

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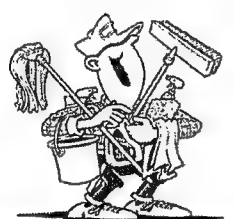
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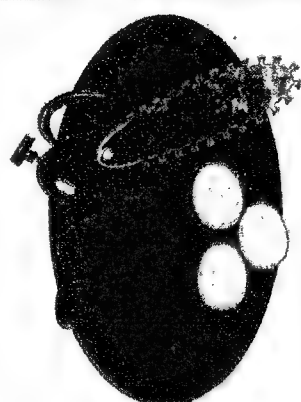
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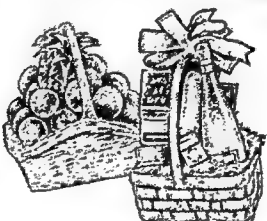
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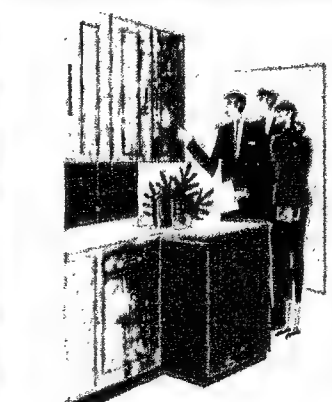
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A reception honoring the society's one hundred plus

volunteers was also held in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House. More than forty and their spouses attended this reception. Society Director Stanley R. Howe expressed his deep appreciation for all the volunteer hours donated during 2009. He introduced society president Susan Herlihy, who thanked those present on behalf of herself and the Board of Trustees for their many contributions of time that makes such a difference in keeping the organization moving forward. Randall Bennett, curator of collections and assistant director, presented a special certificate and a gift to Jane Hosterman, longtime society registrar, who is retiring and will be succeeded by Jackie Bell, a new trustee. Bennett

cited Mrs. Hosterman's outstanding service and great dedication for over twenty-five years.

Among those volunteers honored were June Abbott, William Andrews, Avery Angevine, Pauline Applin, Mary-Alice Bancroft, Al and Lee Barth, Dorothy Bartlett, Karen and Don Bean, Jackie Bell, Bessie Bennett, Don and Kathy Bennett, Hi and Mary Lou Berry, Jay Boschetti, Musa Brown, Hugh and Lynn Chapman, Rosalind Chapman, Norman and Sylvia Clanton, Adaline Clough, Al and Jackie Cressy, Amy Davis, Polly Davis, Todd Davis, Barbara and Bob Dion, Grace Douglass, Edie Doyle, Ginny Gamble, Caroline Gould, Wende Gray, Colwyn Haskell, Betty Ann

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Charlene Davis to Richard C. Goulet of Bethel, land in Hide-A-Way Hills Subdivision, \$23,000, Sept. 17, 2009.

Charlene Davis to Mountain Home Developers, LLC, land in Hide-A-Way Hills Subdivision, \$30,000, Sept. 18, 2009.

Sally Harkins to Mark Ivanov of Ipswich, Mass., land on Merriman Road, \$35,000, Sept. 18, 2009.

Jeanete M. St. Pierre to Savage Land Development of Bethel, land on Paradise Road, \$50,000, Sept. 25, 2009.

Richard DiPlacido to Creative Homebuilders, LLC, of Bethel, land on Nevel Road, \$25,000, Sept. 28, 2009.

Jeffery and Jennifer Oliver to Silvio Jelovchic and Linda Belsanti of Harvard, Mass., land and building at 29 Will View Road, \$253,000, Sept. 28, 2009.

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New FHA rule could shut out buyers, hurt builders

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New lending rules for condominium buyers are already forcing some developers to change or scrap plans for new projects for fear too many buyers will be shut out.

On Monday, the Federal Housing Administration started limiting the number of buyers in condo buildings that can get loans insured by the agency. The rules also put restrictions on buildings with poor finances, too many delinquent owners and a high number of rentals.

The tighter lending standards are designed to protect the financial health of the FHA. Roughly 18 percent of loans insured by the FHA are either delinquent or in foreclosure and the agency's financial cushion has dipped below the federal minimum.

But the move is a blow to condo buyers because the FHA has become a key source of mortgage financing. The agency insures roughly one in four new loans today because buyers need only have a 3.5 percent down payment.

"It is a huge debacle for us," said Rene Oehlerking, marketing director for Salt Lake City developer Garbett Homes.

The company has canceled a 300-unit condo project, spending \$300,000 to redesign it into freestanding homes. Most of the builders' homes and condos this year went to buyers with FHA loans.

Garbett's condo project didn't pencil out with the new FHA rule that allows only half of a condo

building's units to have FHA-backed loans, with some exceptions. That number falls to 30 percent in 2011.

Another new rule requires at least 30 percent of units in new buildings be pre-sold before the agency insures any loans. That number will rise to 50 percent in 2011.

Projects in Florida, where the condo market has been devastated, will require special approval before FHA-backed loans can be made.

"Many of our developers won't be able to pursue condominium projects because the risk is too great that they won't be able to sell the units," said David Ledford, senior vice president for housing finance and land development at the National Association of Home Builders.

Government officials, however, say the rules are necessary to ensure consumers are purchasing units in viable buildings and to help ensure that defaults on condo projects don't rise too high.

"We believe that we have a balanced policy that is flexible ... yet will help us manage and mitigate the risk," said Joanne Kuczmarski, director of the FHA's home mortgage insurance division.

While the rules could be tough for builders, they will protect consumers because lenders will be forced to be more careful about which projects they fund, said Richard Vetsstein, a real estate lawyer in Framingham, Mass.

"On the whole, it's a good thing," he said. "Financially sound condominiums make

better investments."

During the housing boom, the FHA was not a big source of condo loans, and the agency had not updated its condominium rules since the mid-1990s. When the new rules were released earlier this year, the lending industry lobbied aggressively to persuade the agency to loosen them.

"We worked very closely with them," said Tamara King, director of loan origination at the Mortgage Bankers Association. Now that the rules have been relaxed, she said, "for the most part we are in support of the direction that they're going."

Critics, however, say the industry's influence on the process shows that the agency is all too willing to bend to pressure from powerful interest groups, and say the condo loans will be highly prone to default and foreclosure. "Rather than stopping the foreclosure mess, we're actually adding more foreclosures to the mix," said Edward Pinto, a financial consultant and an FHA critic.

For buyers, the new rules cinch already tight mortgage financing. Earlier this year both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac slapped tighter restrictions on condo loans.

The new FHA rules are "going to create substantial confusion and turmoil," for mortgage companies that make FHA loans, said Jack McCabe, a real estate researcher in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "They have to be pulling their hair out right now."

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A less complicated and less expensive means is to use a product like the one by SolarSheat. These basic passive solar units will allow you to heat your home during the day, in the winter, with the sun shining almost entirely via this product that has no use cost. Two of their units can be partnered up another unit and put a serious dent in your heating bill. The twin units claim to heat up to 1500 square feet. I found a retailer on line had offered these units and they were reviewed by a user in Maine who said that they were a great investment.

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The beauty of passive solar heat is that there are no panels that create electrical current to electricity or hot water. The black boxes naturally circulate hot air through the system by simply sitting in the sun.

I want to attempt to build my own next year. The idea is that by allowing sun light to pass into the unit the air follows a series of channels as it heats and then disperses throughout the house while simply running on a solar-powered fan.

The point to my article is that green can save money. As so trendy as it has become, the beauty of the Green Generation is that means of producing energy at affordable and sustainable methods is a bi-product of green thinking.

Next month I will discuss installations, creative home repairs and how to hire the right help for the job. Until then Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Western Maine Home Repair.

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Tips for making your holiday decorations greener

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Plastic ornaments, strands of electricity-hogging lights, trees chopped down by the millions: Christmas decorating isn't exactly known as environmentally friendly.

But, say design experts, there are plenty of ways to bring the sparkle and style of the season into your home without increasing your carbon footprint.

BRING THE OUTDOORS IN

Search outside, says Atlanta-based interior designer Mallory Mathison, for natural materials such as "leaves, branches, cones of all types and berries." She creates holiday centerpieces by filling bowls or baskets with fresh fruits and vegetables. Try an assortment of crimson and golden pears, Mathison says, or go red and green with pomegranates and artichokes.

With pine cones, "collect as many different types as possible. They need to be dry, so lay them out in the attic or garage." Try displaying them, she says, in large silver bowls, long trays or "a big, funky pottery bowl."

Designer Brian Patrick Flynn, of the TBS series "Movie and a Makeover," says many vendors of live Christmas trees will offer cut branches for free. "I like to turn those into my own wreath. If you Google 'basket weaving,' there are easy instructions online," he says. "It's great for those people who love something organic, because your entire wreath is made up of real tree branches."

If you're buying a live Christmas tree, consider one that can be replanted after the holidays. Some are available in pots, others have their roots tied up loosely in fabric.

"They're usually shorter than the cut variety because they have the root ball," says Mathison. "So use a large clay or metal container to boost the tree up to your preferred height. Drape the container with fabulous fabric or wrap it in paper. If you have small children, let them decorate the paper with white snowflakes or hand prints."

Another eco-conscious strategy: Look for a "Charlie Brown Christmas tree," says Flynn, "the tiny one nobody wants, all beat up and half dead." Rather than letting a tree like that go to waste, he suggests buying it and giving it new life.

"If I find a little, tiny blue spruce, with the top healthy, bottom dead, I turn it into a mini tree and play up the idea of the 'Charlie Brown Christmas' — sparse and chic," he says. "Then dress it up with super graphic, vintage ornaments."

When the holidays are over, be sure to bring live, cut trees to a recycling center that will turn them into reusable wood chips, says Sabrina Soto, host of HGTV's "Real Estate Intervention" and a LEED-certified (green) designer.

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN

"Everyone thinks eco-friendly means everything has to be made out of 'sustainable this' and 'sustainable that,'" Soto says. "But going to the thrift store is eco-friendly."

Flynn agrees, and says the selection is excellent: "You'd be shocked how much Christmas inventory flea markets have. They have it year-round, so you can find it so cheap."

If you find mismatched, transparent Christmas balls at a thrift shop, Soto

says you can make them work even if they don't quite fit your decor. Change their look by unscrewing the top, pouring in a few drops of eco-friendly paint and swirling it around. The color will show through, giving the group of ornaments a cohesive look that matches the rest of your tree. It's a perfect technique for someone, like Soto, who loves a monochromatic tree but doesn't want to buy newly made ornaments.

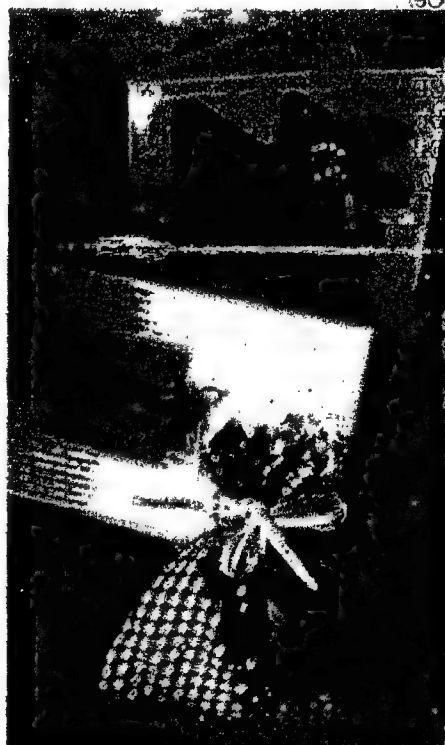
Flynn searches flea markets for old holiday record albums. Group a few — anything from Barbra Streisand to Perry Como to Alvin and the Chipmunks — together on a coffee table. Or laminate them to use as placemats. They're conversation starters during holiday parties, he says, and many flea markets offer them for as little as \$1 each.

Flynn also loves finding kitschy aluminum pompom Christmas trees and other vintage artificial pieces, "like the tacky '60s, early '70s trees in bubblegum pink and black. You'd be so shocked at how cool those black trees look with all white ornaments."

Also, says Soto, search etsy.com and elsewhere online for decorations made by crafters who work with recycled or sustainable materials. Or make your own: She suggests wrapping old tennis balls in scraps of old sweaters, then securing the fabric by tying it with colorful yarn. "Or try angels made from organic cotton," she says, "or stringing popcorn or cranberries."

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Soto recommends swapping out old strands of Christmas lights for energy-saving LED lights. They're easy



to find at Target or other retailers, she says.

Got burned-out bulbs from old strands of lights? Or strands that work but you no longer use? Flynn suggests displaying them in a glass vase.

And for lots of shine with minimal electricity, use ornaments that catch light and reflect it. Put the word out among friends that you're seeking glass or crystal pendants from old light fixtures, and comb secondhand shops for these pieces. Once you've collected a few, attach ornament hooks and drape them on sturdy tree branches.

"They add so much sparkle," says Mathison, "and you can cut down on the number of strings of lights."

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Bethel, Vernon street in town lot... \$110,000
Newry, Red House Village, 25 acres... \$110,000
Mountain Valley Sub, 1.47 acres... \$109,000
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Hanover, 6.130+ acres, wooded/private... \$34,900
Woodstock, Rocky Road, .36 acre lot... \$30,000
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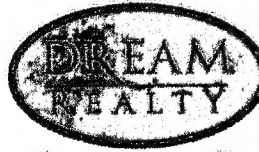
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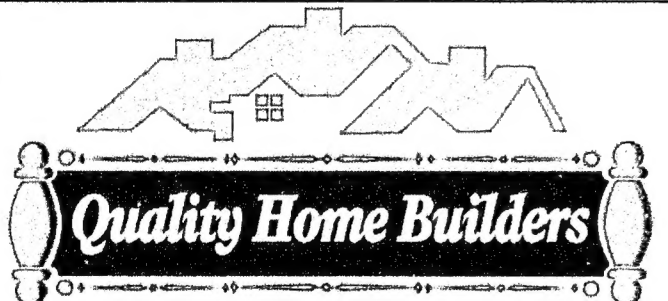
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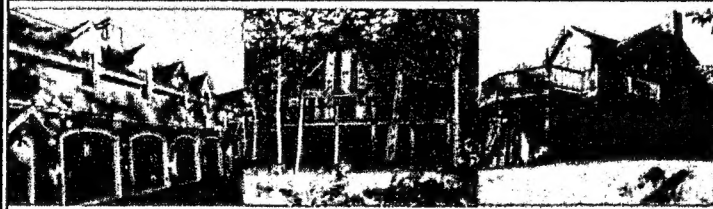
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Jerry K's Korner on the Market! (An 8-legged perspective on Real Estate & Life)
 Jerry, that Christmas tree is magnificent! Where in the world did you get it?
 Well, Ben, you know that beautiful parcel we listed on Rt. 2 across from the Riverview in Bethel with the splendid mountain vista views?
 Jerry, if you're referring to Jane & John Doe's land, which Mom and Dad have listed, not you, I agree it is magnificent. But, what does this have to do with this specific tree?
 Well, Ben, selective clearing is beneficial on a property such as this, so I gave the Does the Holiday gift of giving my personal services to cut & clear this overgrown beauty. Free of charge, by the way.
 Speaking of clearing, Jerry, did you clear this with the Does or Mom and Dad?
 You know, Ben, even at 2 dog years of age, my memory fails me at times.
 Yes, Jerry, it is called "selective" memory and you'd best remember never to do this again without permission. As far as that Rte. 2 parcel goes, however, you are right, it is splendid and definitely worth considering should one be in the market to construct a new home!
 Yeah, Ben, & to make up for my oversight, I am offering to help supervise the further clearing of any trees on this property in exchange for some of the harvest. You see, I've a vision - you, me, a simple pick-up truck with a rustic yet attention-getting sign right smack on the interstate where we will sell our Holiday greenery. Talk about a gravy train!
 Oh, Brother, I'm taking you to Doc Stier's for your meds. Immediately!

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Millbrook Townhomes, 602/603:
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4 Franklin Road, Newry:
Beautiful 3-BR/2.5-bath authentic log home in a spectacular location close to Sunday River. Cathedral 9' 9-foot ceilings, granite counters, custom cabinetry, hardwood and Lvs. floors, master suite, laundry room, central vac, wrap-around deck and outside hot tub \$479,000

33 Billings Hill Rd Woodstock:
Quality 2-BR/3-bath home in a serene setting along Billings Hill Brook. Multi-level decking and the home features many recent updates. wood-burning fireplace, master suite, hot tub, in-ground pool, a finished basement and a 20x30-foot barn/workshop \$379,000

511 North Road, Bethel:
Upscale 4-BR, 2.5-bath home is situated on a beautifully landscaped lot minutes from downtown. The home features many recent updates, wood-burning fireplace, master suite, hot tub, in-ground pool, a finished basement and a 20x30-foot barn/workshop \$379,000

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48 Mason Street, Bethel:
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99 Dundee Rd, Albany Twp:
3-BR post & beam home with mountain views and privacy on 36 acres. Property features 2 barns, storage shed/workshop, mature gardens, pasture. Home features fresh paint, new counters, slate and wood floors covered porch overlooking the views & gardens \$279,000

Land

NEW LISTING Lot 5 Otter Brook, Bethel: 13.36-acre parcel of land with beautiful meadow and mountain views. Easy access off a town-maintained road. Soil tested and surveyed. Includes a post & beam barn. Minutes to the village, area lakes and ski resorts \$99,900

NEW LISTING 6 Crosby Lane, Newry: Building lot available in a great location one mile from South Ridge Lodge and walking distance to the Mountain Explorer shuttle route. This lot is one of only a few left in the subdivision. \$99,000

NEW PRICE Douglass Rd, Lot 2D-1, Newry: 2.64-acre lot with a stunning, unobstructed view of Sunday River. Easily accessible location & versatile in that you can build on the road or at the end of a long driveway for a secluded retreat. \$109,000

Lot 5 Hickory Drive, Woodstock: Oak Hill II - 1.2 acres with lake and mountain views. Close to ski areas and area lakes and ponds. Soil tested and surveyed with power at the street \$59,900

Lot 18, Birch Woods, Bethel: This 5.9-acre lot has driveway already in place, building site cleared, surveyed and soil tested. A great spot for either a primary or a vacation home. \$119,900

Recently Sold Properties

- Tempest Ridge town home
- Home at The Peaks
- Mahoosuc Glen home
- Locke Mountain town home
- Brookside & Fall Line condominiums
- Hotel quartershares at the Jordan Grand & Grand Summit
- Homes and land in Newry, and a home in Bethel

Obituaries

ROBERT W. MILTON

Robert Wentworth Milton, 81, of Milton Lane in Mechanic Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009 at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris after a long illness.

He was born in Andover, Dec. 22, 1927, the son of Robert L. and Vivian M. Milton. He married Virginia Record, and they made their family home in Mechanic Falls for more than 49 years. His home and grounds were a testament to his talent as a woodworker and gardener.

He graduated from Paris High School in 1945 and that summer joined the Marine Corps, serving for six years. He was stationed in Guam and China. He worked for Central Maine Power until he joined his father in the family business, Milton Insurance Agency.

He was a 20-year member of the Auburn-Lewiston Kiwanis Club. As a member he filled all chairs including president and district lieutenant governor.

He will be sadly missed by his son, Stanley and his wife Susan of Andover; daughter, Patricia of Mechanic Falls and her fiancée Scott Hamilton; granddaughter, Lori Chouinard and husband David and their children, Joshua and Hannah of Turner, granddaughter, Jennifer Milton and her boyfriend Jody Brown, and her children, Brittany and Hunter of Harrison; brother, Fred and wife Penny of West Boylston, Mass.; and sister, Joanne Lowell of South Paris. He was prede-

ceased by his father, Robert, in 1998; his mother, Vivian, in 2004; son, John, in 2003; and his wife, Virginia in 2004.

In Robert's memory, donations may be made to the Maine Veterans' Home, 477 High Street, South Paris, ME 04281.

EUGENE McALLISTER

Eugene E. McAllister, 73, of North Waterford, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009 at Market Square Health Care Center, South Paris.

He was born in North Waterford on Feb. 12, 1936, the son of Winfield and Edith Crouse McAllister. He attended Gould Academy and had been employed by H. E. Haines in Winn as a truck driver and equipment operator.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and in his early days, snowmobiling. He served our country in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean War. He married Margaret Allen on June 29, 1957.

He is survived by his wife of North Waterford; a daughter, Lisa Scribner of North Waterford; a son, Dale McAllister and his wife, Marsha, of Sanford; four grandchildren, Katie Libby, Kristina McAllister, Jesse Scribner and Tamara Scribner; a great-grandson, Cooper; and a brother, Lawrence of North Waterford. He was predeceased by his parents; two brothers, Irving and Erlon; and a sister, Celia Littlefield.

GEORGIA A. HERRICK

Georgia Anna Herrick passed away Dec. 6, 2009 at Clover Manor, Auburn where she had resided for the past two years.

She was born in Greenwood, Aug. 27, 1917, the daughter of Mary Leonard Crockett and Charles W. Crockett. She attended Locke Mills schools before moving to the Me-

chanic Falls area in 1936. She married Wilmont Herrick Sr. on Nov. 20, 1937, and together they had 12 children.

She was a member of the Mechanic Falls Firemen's Auxiliary for 25 years, the last 12 as president. She was a member of the Oxford Grange 46, Pomona 2 and State Grange. She was also president of the Tri-Town Senior Citizens and Mechanic Falls Senior Citizens.

She lived at Merrill Estates for approximately 20 years before moving to Clover Manor.

She is survived by her children, Wilmont and Ruth Herrick of Mechanic Falls, Chester and Thirza Herrick of West Bethel, Jeanette and Dale Ness of Port Charlotte, Fla., Albert Herrick of Skowhegan, Janice and Roy Biardi of Mechanic Falls, Charles Herrick of Oxford, Wayne Herrick of Augusta, Ronald and Deborah Herrick of Oxford, David and Wendy Herrick of Otisfield, Thomas Herrick of Mechanic Falls and Patricia and Robert Springer of South Paris; two sisters, Helen Farrar and Ruth Tibbetts; 29 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 48 years, Wilmont Herrick Sr.; a son, Donald Herrick; two sisters, Lena and Gladys; and two brothers, Jonathan and Arthur.

The family wishes to extend our thanks and gratitude for the help of Sherri Dunn, the Clover Manor staff and the Androscoggin Hospice along with Kathy's Diner.

A celebration of life will be held at the Silver Spur Banquet Room, Lewiston Road, Mechanic Falls on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mechanic Falls Firemen's Auxiliary, or to Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 819, Lewiston, ME 04240. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.westonchandler.com.

Bethel Recreation Basketball

Starts on Jan. 9th for grades K-5th.

Sign-ups at the Town Office or at Crescent Park School on Jan. 9th. Program runs every Saturday through Feb. 27th.

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(l-r) Malsy Chase, Isabella Bennett, Riley Jerome, Karen Marshall, Gabrielle Groves, Destiny Huss, Sierra Carson, Destiny Dumont. Absent from photo: Charlotte Lambert.

Christmas Dance Performance The Toe Tappin' Jazz Dance Studio Presents

"Dancing In The Snow"

Where: Telstar H.S. Auditorium

When: Mon., Dec. 14th at 6:30 pm

(Storm Date: Tues., Dec. 15th)

Admission: \$7 Adults • \$5 Students (3 & Under Free)

Tickets sold at door. Doors Open at 6:00

Pictured above are some of our youngest entertainers.

Births

Rachel and Timothy Adams of Fayette are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Zachary Ellis, born on Nov. 17, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Brian and Linda Stowell of Bryant Pond.

Paternal grandparents are Charles and Deborah Adams of Jay.

Our little one joins brothers Benjamin, age 4, and Joshua, age 2.

Jennie and Matt Clark of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Rylan Grace Clark, born on Nov. 21, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Steven and Linda Chesis of Rochester, N.Y.

Paternal grandparents are Sandy and Carol Clark of Glen Gardner, N.J.

Our little one joins a sister, Marlie Reese, age 19 months.

Eden Bartholomew and Kevin Johnston of West Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Lucian Bartholomew Johnston, born on Nov. 22, 2009, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Brenda Bartholomew of Newry.

Paternal grandparents are James and Linda Johnston of Bryant Pond.

Kenneth and Jessica Nye of Stoneham are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Ian Arthur Nye, born on Nov. 23, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 5 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Daniel and Lynn Reynolds of Oxford and the late Jean Reynolds of Albany.

Paternal grandparents are Kenneth and Ann Nye of Freeport.

Ian Arthur joins his sister, Samantha Darian Blossom, age 10, and his brother, Kenneth Daniel Nye, age 1 1/2.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kevin P. Lawlor

Crystal Sky Bonney and Kevin Paul Lawlor were united in marriage on Sept. 10, 2009 in a mountain top setting on Table Rock Mountain in Grafton Notch, with their 4 1/2 month old unborn daughter.

The bride is the daughter of George and Marianne Gould of Woodstock and the late Christopher P. Bonney.

Crystal went to school in Bethel.

The groom is the son of Darlene Coffren and stepfather Ron Condon of Auburn, and father and stepmother, Don and Pam Lawlor of Poland.

Kevin went to school in Lewiston.

A reception followed at Screw Auger Falls in Grafton Notch, which was celebrated among their families.

They reside in West Paris and share a love for the outdoors that is as strong as the love they have for one another.

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Ernest Angevine send thanks to everyone who helped me celebrate my 90th birthday. A special thank you to daughter Judy for planning and organizing the party and to friends and relatives for their help. A thank you for all the gifts and cards I received and still receiving. A special thank you Sally Smith for making the delicious cake with the "Tree Farm" decoration.

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Many thanks to everyone for their support of Bethel United Methodist Church, especially during 2009.
For the amazing response to our pleas for fuel donations, for help with repairs and painting of the building and for participating in the memorial Christmas tree lights, we are very grateful.
Thank you and may God bless you with a Happy Holiday Season and a bright New Year.

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